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Sad Queen dubs 1992 her 'annus horribilis'

By ALAN HAMILTON

THE QUEEN spoke for the first time in public yesterday of how the year of her fortieth anniversary on the throne had decayed from a celebration to what she called an "annus homibilis". The year has been a catalogue of personal sad-ness and misfortune, culminating in the Windsor Castle

Sorrowful, a mite hurt, but essentially philosophical, the Queen was speaking at an anniversary lunch at Guildhall, given in her honour by the Lord Mayor of London. She spoke in a voice that was hoarse from a cold exacerbated by visits to the fire. At times it seemed in danger of failing. She was rewarded with a standing ovation from guests who included the prime minister and John Smith, leader of

Without referring directly to events in a year which has included the divorce of the Princess Royal, the separation of the Duke and Duchess of York, the reported marital difficulties of the Prince and Princess of Wales and a rising



chorus of demands for her to pay taxes, the Queen admitted that the monarchy was not above reproach, but suggested that less savage and more constructive criticism would be

appreciated. She admined with a rare candour that 1992 "is not a year on which I shall look back with undiluted pleasure. In the words of one of my more sympathetic correspondents, it has turned out to be an annus horribilis. I suspect I am not alone in thinking it so. Indeed, I suspect that there are very few people or institutions un-affected by these last months of world-wide turmoil and

uncertainty. Although rare, it is not unprecedented for the Queen to make pointed observations on contemporary life. During

her silver jubilee speech at

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Westminster Hall in 1977 she noted that she was monarch of the entire United Kingdom, a ern Ireland. This year she made an overtly political speech to the European Parliament in Strasbourg in support of British membership of the European Community.

Quite apart from civil war in Bosnia or attacks by currency speculators on the pound, much royal anguish has been generated on its own doorstep, with the institution and its personalities subjected to an immense degree of media scrutiny, disclosure and

"There can be no doubt, of course, that criticism is good for people and institutions that are part of public life," the Queen said. "No institution — City, monarchy, whatever -should expect to be free from the scrutiny of those who give it their loyalty and support, not to mention those who don't. But we are all part of the same fabric of our national society and that scrutiny, by one part or another, can be just as eff-ective if it is made with a touch of gentleness, good humour and understanding."

Such questioning could and should act as an effective engine for change, the Queen said. The City is a good example of the way the process of change can be incorporated into the stability and continuity of a great institution. I particularly admire the way in which the City has adapted so nimbly to what the Prayer Book calls the changes and You have set an example of how it is possible to remain effective and dynamic without losing those indefinable qualities, style and character.

The Queen wondered aloud how future generations would judge the events of what she called "this tumultuous year". venturing that history would take a slightly more moderate view than that of some con-

temporary commentators. Distance is well known to lend enchantment, even to the less attractive views. After all, it has the immeasurable advantage of hindsight. But it can also lend an extra dimension to judgment, giving it leavening of moderation and compassion — even of wisdom - that is sometimes lacking in the reactions of those whose task it is in life to offer instant opinions on all things great and small." The Queen left her audience in little doubt that in her gunsights at that

moment were certain sections Lavish in her praise of the City's legendary hospitality.



The Oueen at Guildhall. She described 1992 as "not a year on which I shall look back with undiluted pleasure"

the Queen said that such nerosity shown to her and the Duke of Edinburgh would have been welcome at any time, but in the aftermath of Friday's fire at Windsor, it was especially so. Her sorrow was mollified by turbot, partridge, a ruby souffle to acknowledge her four decades, and a 40-

vear-old port. "After this last weekend, we appreciate all the more what has been set before us today. Years of experience, however, have made us a bit more canny than the lady, less well versed than us in the spendours of City hospitality.

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It was, the Queen said. possible to have too much of a good thing. "A well-meaning bishop was obviously doing his best when he told Queen Victoria: 'Ma'am, we cannot pray too often, nor too fervently, for the royal family. The Queen's reply was: Too fervently, no; too often, yes.' I, like Queen Victoria, have always been a believer in that old maxim, moderation in all

given to me and to my family by so many people in this country and the Common-Continued on page 3, col 8

Forty years a monarch, the

Queen said, was quite a long time. She had been glad to French to witness, and to take part in, many dramatic changes in life in this country, but the City's standard of hospitality had not changed at all. "It is an outward symbol of one other unchanging factor which I value above all - the loyalty

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intercept **UK** farm lorries BY CHARLES REFMNER

IN PARIS AND PHILIP WEBSTER

MILITANT French peasants have declared war on British lorries entering France carry-

ing farm products. Co-ordination Rurale, the radical group which brought chaos to French roads last summer, said yesterday that all such lorries would be intercepted from the begin-ning of the month. Those carrying farm goods from The Netherlands, Ireland and America will also be targeted as a protest against any new

deal for French agriculture. With John Major embarking on ten days of intense activity aimed at rescuing the Edinburgh summit, Britain indicated yesterday that it was prepared to be flexible over the plan by Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, to increase the EC's annual £45 billion budget by 30 per cent by 1999.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, has joined Germany in talking down speculation that Brussels wants to co-ordinate a £50 billion rescue plan for recession-hit Europe. Sources close to M Delors said he was furious that Henning Christoohersen, his finance colleague. had brought the "new deal" so much into the public eye before the Edinburgh summit.

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Brooke tells BBC: use licence fee to fund changes

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC must be prepared for radical change, the government said yesterday in a deeply cautious consultation paper on the corporation's future. But Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, promised that it would continue to be a leading public service broadcasting organisation and that it would be funded

mainly by the licence fee. Sir Michael Checkland, who steps down as directorgeneral next month, said that the BBC was committed to change in line with government requirements for increased efficiency and accountability, and promised that the BBC's own contribution to "an informed and lively debate" will be published tomorrow.

Although the government comes to no dear condusion about the role of public service broadcasting into the 21st century, the BBC will argue that it should withdraw from areas in which it is no longer able or needed to make an original contribution", but not turn its back

A copy of its long-awaited blueprint for survival is expected to argue that the BBC should restore its pre-eminence in drama as the "National Theatre of the airwayes", re-establish itself as the principal innovator and pioneer in comedy, and schedule a wide range of news and current affairs in peak time. The BBC also top 40 hits" from Radio 1 and to drop the tackier of game shows.

In a 43-page document intended to spur far-reaching public debate by raising more questions than answers about the BBC's future

role and structure, the government mooted the possibility that the corporation might have to share public funds with commercial rivals a prospect that David Mellor, Mr Brooke's predecessor, said yesterday would drive a stake through the heart of the BBC"

Reaction to the green paper, which also questions the continued existence of Radios 1 and 2 as well as BBC local radio, given the proliferation of similar comwhat guarded last night.

The green paper broadly rejected advertising, sponsorship, direct taxation and subscription as alternatives to the licence fee, but Ann Clwyd, shadow heritage secretary, said there was a feeling in Britain that the BBC was not safe in the government's hands. She told the Commons:

The debate over the future of the BBC has added importance because of the fiasco of the blind-bid auction of the commercial TV licences, which put cash before quality." Any attempt to privatise the BBC would be opposed by Labour, she said.

Tony Lennon, president of the broadcasting union BECTU, said Mr Brooke's document justified the union's call for the BBC to halt its job cuts until after the public debate about its size and scope. "We welcome the truly green nature of the through proper public con-Continued on page 2, col 7

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Word watching



Warrior Stewart of Bosnia finds himself under Whitehall's fire

FROM MICHAEL EVANS IN KISELJAK

UN commanders in Bosnia --British, French and Spanish - are beginning to find that the vicious war they are embroiled in is as much about politics as military tactics. Lieutenant Colonel Bob Stewart, commander of the British battalion battlegroup at Vitez in Bosnia, is coming under fire from Whitehall as

fear they will be hampered by Whitehall bureaucrats anxious about costs. This is coupled with allegations that Colonel Stewart, regarded by his men as a brave and determined commanding officer. is receiving too much attention, with a "cult of personality" building around him.

A senior civil servant has been out to Vitez to check on the spending. As one of Colo-nel Stewart's fellow officers put it: "Some of the telephone calls from Whitehall have indicated concern that he is appearing on British TV screens too often. They think there is too much focus on him as a commander. It would be wiser if Whitehall would just let let him get on with the job, which is difficult enough, without having to worry about civil

servants in Whitehall." London is highly sensitive about the British operation in Bosnia, and officials are monitoring it closely. Policymakers dearly fear that if anything goes wrong there will be serious repercussions for the government.

But the UK contingent in Bosnia feels it is doing its best to carry out a near-impossible mission under trying circum-



cult" accusation

stances. The main responsibility for the operation lies with Lt Col Stewart. He leads from the front, and has braved bullets and shell fire on several occasions.

In Vitez and Travnik, where the local Croat and Muslim communities are becoming increasingly depressed and

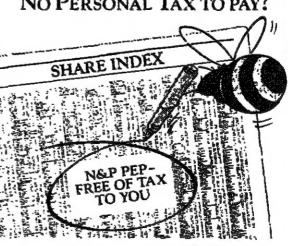
afraid of the probability of a Serbian advance, the sight of Lt Col Stewart driving into the towns in his armoured Warrior has provided much-need-

The UN troops in Bosnia are also burdened with having to placate local Serb commanders even when they know the Serbs themselves to be behind the violence. Major General Philippe Morillon, the French overall commander of the UN protection force headquarters in Kiseljak, recently cried out to his staff: "I 'ave been betrayed."

General Morillon had been speaking on the phone to a Serb commander who had promised him a ceasefire in Sarajevo. Yet that day nearly 700 artillery shells fell on the Bosnian capital, one of the worst assaults on the city since the war began.

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the interjection, without

influence on the sentence."

— Kierkegsard.

As interjections go, Nicholas Winterton (C, Macclesfield) is an Ohl, a "Go to hell", or an "Aaargh!". This Mr Angry of the Tory back benches is able, from a

standing start, to go puce in

the face, instantly, on any

subject you care to mention.

In a panel game in which contestants are required to lose their temper for 60 seconds (without hesitation,

repetition or deviation) on

quite random topics, Win-

terton's success could be guaranteed. Only one other

To him we shall return.

But first to Winterton: he

sprang up during defence

juestions and stood like a

numan exclamation mark.

daring Madam Speaker not to call him. She did.

His own regiment was to

disappear in a merger! "The

Fourteenth Twentieth

King's Hussars," he declared, reddening already, "are to be merged with the Royal Hussars, to become the King's Royal Hussars!" Fair enough, we thought... "the supreme Cavalry Regiment!" he yelled. We were disinclined to guarrel.

disinclined to quarrel.

Tory MP can do this.

MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH

A proud day for

Green paper endorses duty to public-service television

BBC's future left open but changes must come

☐ A more precise definition of public service broadcasting is said to be essential before the BBC's future can be decided

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE green paper on the future of the BBC is a cautious document, long on questions but short on answers. Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, says that the BBC must "be ready to contemplate radical changes", but little credence is given to any such proposals.

Although Mr Brooke gives

his assurance that the BBC should continue "as a major public-service broadcasting organisation", the green paper makes clear that the BBC cannot continue as if there had been no rapid technological change or a proliferation of commercial channels.

The green paper, which broadly supports continuation of the licence fee — as "no one has devised an obviously better system" — places particular emphasis on the need for efficiency. "The BBC needs to give value for money and to demonstrate that it is doing so. It needs to improve the effici-ency of its activities each year, while maintaining the quality of its programmes," it says. The BBC must also devise ways to measure efficiency, the quality of service it provides, audience reactions, and financial performance.

"It is essential for the BBC to keep in close touch with the audience for its services ... New measures for audience reaction are likely to be needed. These could look at the purpose of individual pro-grammes, the likely audience and the degree of audience

But later in the document Mr Brooke concedes that such specified quotas and targets might introduce "a mechanistic approach without enhancing programme quality". It points out that closer

regulation "might open up more opportunities for polit-ical influence or control, so encroaching on the BBC's in-dependence". Moreover, there was a danger that such a new framework could be too rigid to allow for change, leading to "a dull and timorous broadcasting service which did not adapt, experiment and pro-

Melvyn Bragg's controver-sial calls for an "arts council of the airwaves", which would issue licence fee money to commercial channels as well as the BBC, is given a lukewarm response. The green paper merely notes the idea. with one serious reservation: "Such a council would hold the purse-strings to sizable resources and it would clearly be unacceptable if this power led to the imposition of a single cultural or editorial

voke controversy".

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broadcasting a wide range

☐ Should it concentrate.

instead, on specialist

☐ Should the BBC broad-

cast a high proportion of

programmes to reflect the

interests and ways of life of people in the UK?

☐ Should the number of

BBC television and radio

services, including local

☐ What standards should

radio, be changed?

programmes?

THE MAIN POINTS



emphasises that the government supports the idea of public-service broadcasting, it argues that the original justifi-cation for it — that a small number of channels should be used for the benefit of the public as a whole - no longer applies given the proliferation

of competing services.
"One option is that public

☐ Should the BBC reduce

its spending by cutting the

range or quality of its

could it find other ways to

☐ Should the BBC contin-

ue to be funded by a licence

If not how should it be

☐ Should the BBC improve

the way it keeps in touch with its audience?

☐ Should the BBC have

clearly-stated aims and

publish results showing

service broadcasting should concentrate on the types of programmes which would not be provided by commercial broadcasters. Others believe that public-service broadcasting consists of more than the provision of particular programmes, mainly for minority audiences. They wish to sustain the values developed by

successive generations ... They regard public service broadcasting as an approach to broadcasting, which influences the choice of programme subjects, and how programmes are made and scheduled, as well as the scope of the services. Others believe that public-service broadcasters should compete in providing every form of broadcast-

ing," it said.
The green paper raises the possibility that with more channels there will be less need for a single service to cater for everyone. "Each television channel or radio station could concentrate on a single type of programme, likely to appeal to people of a particular age group or with particular in a later passage it appears to

throw some cold water on the "narroweasting" approach:
"If the aim is to encourage people to widen their interests. this is less likely to be achieved by narrowing the range of programmes and reducing the number of popular pro-

It calls for "careful consideration rather than slogans or nostalgia" in the public debate about the BBC's public service remit. The BBC should sustain a sense of national identity and extend diversity at a time when programmes are increasingly produced by multi-national companies.

rationalisation may be necessary" in radio, calling into question the futures of Radio 1 and 2. "Given the variety of other radio services it is arguable that BBC radio should no longer try to broadcast such a wide range of programmes, with the aim that everyone should find something of in-terest ... If the BBC is not expected to broadcast popular music, then it might have three national radio channels rather than five ... Another possibility would be for the

In contrast, however, it argues that the advent of digital compression technologies could provide frequencies for more BBC services, and even moots the possibility of the BBC expanding into satellite. It also raises the possibility of privatising the BBC's transmission network.

While it supports continuation of the licence fee, it makes it clear that the present system could be adapted to reduce evasion (now at 8 per cent) and let the poor and elderly pay less. Direct taxation to fund the BBC could threaten the corporation's editorial independence by making it dependent on the public spending round each year.

Advertising is rejected on the grounds that it would not provide the £1,000 million needed to finance BBC1 and BBC2 or the E140 million to fund radio. Advertising on the BBC would also jeopardise the financial stability of the ITV companies. Sponsorship could also diminish the BBC's editorial independence.

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MPs seek discussion

PARLIAMENTARY reaction to the consultation document on the BBC was generally muted, reflecting the lack of clear guidance on government policy included in the green paper. Most speakers in the debate on the Commons statement welcomed its publication and the discussions that will follow. David Mellor, the former heritage secretary, called for a "full-hearted" public

debate on the issues raised. Several MPs pressed Mr Brooke on the future of the licence fee. Robert Maciennan, the Liberal Democrat broadcasting spokesman, said: "The firm financial independence of the BBC is the basis of its role as a defender of free speech and of the nation talking unto itself."

Ann Clwyd, the shadow heritage secretary, said the Labour party would guarantee the licence fee as the basis of funding to the BBC and would index-link the fee for at least ten years.

Mr Brooke said the potential options for future BBC funding were laid out in the discussion paper, but added that of all the options examined, "so far none looks obvibetter than the licence

There were few calls for an abolition of the licence fee from the Conservative benches. However, Teresa Gorman said people who wanted to watch only commercial television should not have to pay the £80 fee.



Maclennan: free speech

wide public

By JONATHAN PRYNN

"Are you prepared to give an assurance" (he was glar-ing at Malcohn Rifsind, the secretary of state) "that the new regiment will be able to have a regimental band?" He turned to include the whole House in his glare. "A regiment feels the loss of a band!" Losing a band, he roared, risked losing medical cover "because, as many in this House know, bands double up as medics."

Images of tuba players scattering their musical scores to the winds as they rushed to administer the kiss of life, tumbled through our minds as Winterton

Having reached the re-quired shade of puce, he sat down suddenly. Mr Rifkind tried to calm him, remarking that he was fully conscious of all this.

The next question was about amphibious helicop ter carriers and not nearly as interesting to MPs, as you knew where you were with a brass band.

You know where you are with David Evans (C. Welwyn, Hatfield). If, in the apoplexy stakes, Winterton holds the Tory backbench crown. Evans represents his main challenger. Their styles are different. A

Winterton rant is a small

but perfect dramatic perfor-

gerbils everywhere and has an internal logic. An Evans outburst is a sudden, unprompted burst of sound. a sort of primeval scream. In no sense is it an argument but on sheer decibels it wins

hands-down. I think Mr Evans's subject at PM's questions was immigration. At a volume and in accents which render Alf Garnett effete, and gesturing violently at the Opposition benches, Evans could be heard from as far away as Karachi shouting "... We know that lot! They couldn't care less. Seven hundred. seven thousand, seventy thousand! Let them all in —

that's what they say!"

Answer that, Tony Newton had to. In the PM's absence, Newton, the House Leader was standing in. Consistently well-regarded for his departmental skills, Newton's Achilles' heel has always been his dispatch box performance.

Not so much one of nature's lions as one of her gerbils, his furrowed brow and halting replies have been the object of affectionate amusement among his

esterday changed all I that. Mr Newton, who represents Braintree, Essex, had looked into his shaving glass that morning and declared: "From this day forward, Tony, you are a gerbil no longer. You are a fighter, a killer, a parliamentary terrier. Go forth and conquer!" And he had stepped on to his Essex commuter train, bound for Fenchurch Street, with a new spring in

And it worked. First he trapped the Opposition. apologising for the PM's absence, pausing after "away attending a lunch ..., waiting for the jeers. then adding that John Smith was at the lunch.

To cheers, he welcomed a question from his Basildon colleague, David Amess, with a glowing tribute to Essex. He stormed at Labour's deputy leader, Margaret Beckett, that her party were in chaos and confusion: he heaped praises on the award-win ning British Nissan Micra: and hit Labour's Nick Raynsford on the head with one of Raynsford's own quotes about the Labour "sleepwalking into

Gerbils everywhere must have felt proud. Waving away Evans with polite dispatch, this was no household pet. A star had been This was a killer-

BBC licence fee stays

Continued from page I sultation the government will avoid an ITV-style massacre,"

In one of the many fudges in the paper, the government said the governors "could be given a different and clearer remit" supervising the BBC rather than managing it. Or they could be regulators without any responsibility for BBC

But Melvyn Bragg's call for an "arts council of the air-waves", to mete out licence money to commercial broadcasters, won guarded support last night from the Community Radio Association.

Mr Brooke mooted the possibility of a new Public Service Broadcasting Council to regu-late the BBC. It would have powers to impose sanctions.

No proposals would become law until 1994, when the government introduces its white paper. The government has asked viewers and listen-ers to send comments by April 30, 1993, to the Department of National Heritage, Room 668, 50 Queen Anne's Gate. London, SW1H 9AT.

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The acceptable face of broadcasting

BIDDEL ONPOLITICS

PETER Brooke has made Commons statements this week on two internationally known British institutions one controversial and the other widely respected. After and the Windsor castle fire on Monday, he yesterday turned to the respected one, the BBC. The tone of the public debate on the BBC has

changed out of all recognition in the past three years. Long gone are the days of confrontation and talk of breaking up the corporation. During yesterday's exchanges only a couple of Tory MPs attacked the licence fee. But, in general, most MPs, including Mr .Brooke himself several times, expressed admiration for the BBC's work.

That partly reflects an ebbing of Thatcherite zeal in favour of consensus politics which Mr Brooke epitomises. The Thatcherites on the Tory backbenches clearly felt that the green paper did not go far enough. David Mellor, who was responsibile for broadcasting in several ministerial

the "full-hearted" public consultation promised by his successor, in contrast to the rather more cloistered consideration" of the past. This was presumably a reference to the narrow debate leading up to the changes in the ndependent franchises.

The decline in the volume of Tory criticism of the BBC may also reflect a belated respect for its news coverage at a time when the government has come under such unremitting fire from its traditional allies in the press.

But, as significant as the shifts in the political mood are the substantial changes made by the BBC itself in the past few years - in part, in anticipation of the government's own review. More use of independent producers, the introduction of a form of internal market via producer choice and a value for money drive have all produced an upheaval in the running of the BBC. This has met many of the previous objections. The

extent of the changes in the BBC is neither appreciated nor understood by all. Just as some free market Tory MPs still believe that Broadcasting House is full of left-wingers eager to subvert the government, so some Labour members see the whole Reithian legacy of public service broadcasting under threat from fanatical Tory privatisers.

In a lengthy and muddled intervention, Ann Clwyd, the shadow national heritage secretary, failed to acknowledge the changes that have occurred in the BBC. In presenting Labour as the defender of public service broadcasting. she begged questions about how the BBC should alter. Having expended much effort on building bridges with ministers, the BBC perhaps now needs to spend time on educating the opposition.

Mr Brooke's statement, of course, begs many central questions about the future of the corporation. But, by sayprovement on the licence fee, Mr Brooke limited the scope for change by moving wholesale to payment by subscrip-

tion or sponsored programmes. The radicals, particularly in the Downing Street Policy Unit, did achieve a victory of sorts by securing the inclu-sion of the proposals that money from the licence fee could go to a Public Service Broadcasting Council rather than directly to the BBC. The council would then share out funds to the BBC and other broadcasters to pay for particularly types of programmes. This idea had been resisted during the Mellor months, and Mr Brooke sounded

unenthusiastic. The prospect, as will be clear from the BBC's own proposals, is for further changes of the type already under way. Unlike the monarchy, the BBC is showing it appreciates how to practise successful conservatism when to make changes in

PETER RIDDELL

order to preserve the essence.



The Queen tells City audience: '1992 is not a year I shall look back on with undiluted pleasure'









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Lowlights of a royal year: the damage to Windsor Castle, right, has been the latest of the Queen's trials, which have included continued speculation about the relationships between the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duchess of York and John Bryan, and Commander Timothy Laurence, left, and the Princess Royal

Monarchy must expect criticism and scrutiny

HERE is the text of the Queen's speech at Guildhall

This great hall has provided me with some of the most memorable events of my life. The hospitality of the City of London is famous around the world, but nowhere is it more appreciated than among the

members of my family,
i am deeply grateful that
you, my Lord Mayor, and the corporation, have seen fit to mark the fortieth anniversary of my accession with this splendid lunch, and by giving me a picture which I will greatly cherish.

Thank you also for inviting representatives of so many organisations with which I and my family have special connections, in some cases stretching back over several generations. To use an expression more common north of the border, this is a real "gathering of the clans".

1992 is not a year I shall look back on with undiluted pleasure. In the words of one of my more sympathetic correspondents, it has turned out to be an "annus horribilis". I suspect that I am not alone in thinking it so. Indeed, I suspect that there are very few people or institutions unaffect-ed by these last months of worldwide turmoil and uncertainty. This generosity and whole-hearted kindness of the corporation of the City to Prince Philip and me would be welcome at any time but, at this particular moment, in the aftermath of Friday's tragic fire at Windsor, it is especially

And, after this last weekend, we appreciate all the more what has been set before us today. Years of experience, however, have made us a bit more canny than the lady less well-versed than us in the splendours of City hospitality who, when she was offered a balloon glass for her brandy. asked for "only half a glass,

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fervently, for the royal family."
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I particularly admire, my Lord Mayor, the way in which the City has adapted so nimbly to what the prayer book calls "the changes and chances of this mortal life". You have set an example of how it is possible to remain effective and dynamic without losing those indefinable qualities, style and character. We only

hall to see the truth of that. Forty years is quite a long

time. I am glad to have had the chance to witness, and to take part in, many dramatic changes in life in this country. But I am glad to say that the magnificent standard of hospitality given on so many occasions to the sovereign by the Lord Mayor of London has not changed at all. It is an outward symbol of one other unchanging factor which I value above all: the loyalty

so many people in this country, and the Commonwealth. throughout my reign.

You, my Lord Mayor, and all those whose prayers fervent, I hope, but not too frequent - have sustained me through all these years, are friends indeed. Prince Philip and I give you all, wherever you may be, our most humble

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A diary of woe for royal family

The annus horribilis of the Queen has been unrelenting (Alan Hamilton writes). February: Australian prime minister Paul Keating makes republican remarks during the Queen's visit. March: the Palace confirms that the Duke and Duchess

of York are to separate. The Queen's press secretary apologises for remarks to a reporter about the duchess. March: Earl Spencer, father of the Princess of Wales. dies, and observers note that the prince spends the minimum possible time at the funeral, fuelling specula-tion of marriage difficulties. April: the Princess Royal files for divorce from Cap-

tain Mark Phillips. June: Andrew Morton pub-lishes his book Diana: Her True Story, in which he claims the princess is so unhappy that she has attempted suicide six times.

July: several backbench MPs, learning that the Queen has applied for a \$300.000 grant to build a deer fence at Balmoral, demand that her exemption from income tax be ended. and that Civil List payments to all but her immediate family be stopped.

August: the Daily Mirror, quickly followed by other tabloids, publishes topless photographs of the Duchess of York on holiday in France with an American friend, September: The Sun pub-

lishes a transcript of what it claims to be an intimate telephone conversation be-tween the Princess of Wales and a male friend, James October: a state visit to

Germany is marred by a minor anti-war demonstration in Dresden, in which two eggs are thrown at the Queen's car, and miss. November: on an official visit to Korea, the Prince and Princess of Wales are widely condemned for looking so miserable in each other's company.

November: fire destroys a section of Windsor Castle.

Reactions mixed on Guildhall speech

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those whose prayers — fervent.
I hope, but not too frequent have sustained me through all these years, are friends in-

The speech received a mixed reception away from Guild-hall. John Smith, the Labour leader, said: "She is entitled to defend herself, and she did it rather wittiy and rather charmingly." Lord St John of Fawsley, a staunch supporter of the monarchy, described it as "wonderful — just the right sort of speech and the right son of tone."
But Ann Clwyd, opposition

heritage spokeswoman, seized the occasion to repeat a call for the Queen to pay taxes. "We know that she is one of the wealthiest people in the country, if not the wealthiest. I think the swing of public opinion now in this direction is very strong indeed."

Other Labour voices were equally unsympathetic. Ken Livingstone, MP for Brent East, said that he was disappointed the Queen had not announced that she was going to pay back taxes. His col-league Tony Banks said: There is no such thing as a bad year for the Queen, by definition. Anyone who is so much a part of the dependency culture as she is could at least smile a bit more. I know people in my constituency who can genuinely say it has been a bad year. I don't believe she has had her house repos-

In a small codicil to a horrible year, it was announced that Andrew Morton, the royal author, had won a "Scoop of the Year" award from fellow journalists who voted his disclosures the best news story of 1992.

Mr Morton defended his role as being "just the messenger". He said as he collected his award at the Stationers' Hall in London: "I have merely chronicled what was going on inside the House of Windsor."

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Duke to command first ship

THE Duke of York is to take command of a Royal Navy warship for the first time, it was announced yesterday. He will assume command of the minehunter HMS Cottesmore next April.

The duke, a lieutement commander, is at present studying at the Army Staff College, at Camberley, Surrey, graduating next month.

The Hunt Class vessels, constructed from glass reinforced plastic, are the world's

measure vessels. HMS Cottesmore, which has a company of 40 men, is part of the Second MCM Squadron based in Portsmouth Sister vessels were in service during

the Gulf war.
The appointment follows tradition the Prince of Wales commanded the minesweeper HMS Bronington during his naval service. A minehunter provides early experience of command. Larger warships

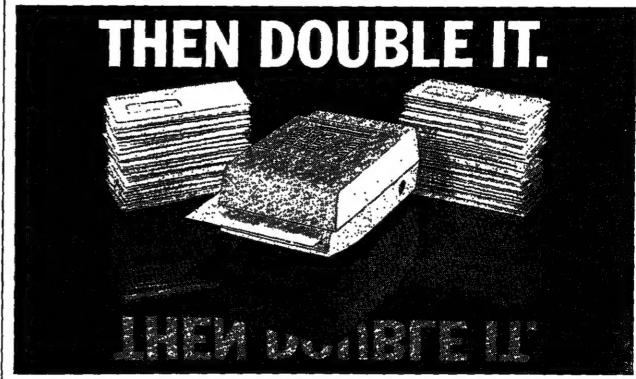
ers are usually commanded by officers with the rank of

shipman in 1979 has so far centred on helicopter flying. During the Falklands conflict

The duke's career since he

entered Dartmouth as a midhe served aboard the carrier Invincible, flying Sea Kings. Naval sources said the command of Cottesmore does not necessarily mean the end of his flying career.

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Inmates cause £1 m damage in jail riot BY MICHAEL HORSNELL MORE than 100 prisoners

went on the rampage at Highpoint Prison in Suffolk yesterday in a protest sparked by the capture of two men trying to abscond from the jail, which has the worst escape record in Britain. An enquiry into the six-hour

disturbance, which caused up to £1 million damage, was

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launched by the Home Office. By last night more than 60 inmates had been taken to other prisons.

Highpoint has earned the local nick-name of Hi-Di-Highpoint for its easy-going regime. Fifty prisoners have escaped from the category C former RAF camp near Haverhill in three years inchiding 21 this year. Prisoners in two units of the

north wing rioted after seeing in the search lights the capture of the second of two men in the grounds at 4.30am. They smashed furniture and fittings throughout one unit, leaving it under several inches of water, and severely damaged another.

A night patrolman, who was forced to lock himself in an office to escape the mob, was rescued by officers through a fire door. Up to 100 officers in riot gear from six other prisons in the region were drafted in to restore control, backed by police reinforcements. No one was hurt in the disturbance. Last night the prison for 700 men was described as

quiet. Ron Curis, the gover-

nor, said: "Prisoners in one of the units, seeing the arrest of the second man, reacted and started to smash fittings. This was copied by prisoners in a second unit. "As a result of the vandalism

one unit is now uninhabitable and won't be put right for



several weeks. The damage has been considerable. We are moving a number of prisoners out and trying to identify the ring leaders to take appropriare action against them.

"The atmosphere is quiet but normal routines have not been established." He said prisoners in one of the units had given up passive-

ly at breakfast time while the other was not brought under control by officers who moved in until mid-morning. Mr Curtis defended sec-

urity, saying that staff had detained the two escapers and that the issue of how they came to be loose in the grounds at night will be examined by the Home Office enquiry. Nothing had occurred recently to allow any expectation of the

disturbance.

Andy Gossage, of the national executive committee of the Prison Officers' Association, said: "The inmates went for everything that would

"For prison officers it was a very traumatic experience." He said that he was concerned at staffing levels at Highpoint, which, he said, was a prime target for government privatisation schemes.

Ian Lawrence, branch chairman of the association, said yesterday: "Despite a history of escapes and minor incidents at Highpoint, we did not expect the reaction we got. It was general, wanton

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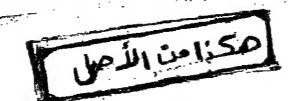
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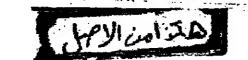
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Model awarded £580,000 in Wyman divorce agreement

MANDY Smith, the former schoolgid-lover-turned wife of Rolling Stone Bill Wyman. will pocket at most £580,000 under an "amicable" divorce settlement agreed yesterday in the High Court. It was rumoured that she was aiming to siphon £5 million from Wyman's reputed £24 million

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The settlement was struck after a seven-day private hearing in London. It puts the fullstop on a paragraph in Wyman's career that seemed unconventional even by the standards of someone who not only boasts about having made love to more than 1,000 women but also to logging the relevant details in his diary, who once wore outfits that would make Vivienne Westwood and Madonna seem dowdy, and who was ranked as one of the world's greatest rock bass guitarists even though he was so unhistrionic that he barely moved more than three inches

Wyman, 56, and Smith, 22, first met when she was just 13, an age that aroused only the nassing interest of the Director

undying fascination of the tabloid press. Smaller newspa-pers tailed her through her "Wyman's child lover" days. through her public courtship with the ageing Stone, through the couple's glamor-ous rock star wedding in 1989, and through their sorry marriage of less than two

years. Once wed, Wyman and Smith were reported to have spent only five nights together. The settlement consists of a £250,000 home in Muswell Hill, north London, which is



of Public Prosecutions and the to be transferred to her name. and its contents, with a sum of £130,000, expenses of up to £100,000, and legal costs of £100,000.

> "That is agreed to be the limit of his obligations to-wards her," a joint statement issued by solicitors for both sides said. "The settlement represents a victory for neither side over the other."
>
> Wyman and Smith had

already left court, after terms of settlement were announced to Mr Justice Thorpe, the Family Division judge who had heard days of legal argument and evidence. Upending the traditional cartoonist's scene of the wild rock star and the ageing judge who asks what exactly an electric guitar might be, Mr Justice Thorpe is actually a couple of years younger than Wyman, who now spends most of his time gathering up Rolling Stones memorabilia with the devotion of a train spotter, and opening restaurants.

In his conservative dark blue and grey suits, Wyman probably also has less occasion nowadays to wear wigs and fancy gowns than Mr Justice

Thorpe. Smith, a former model, suffered from a wasting iliness, and although now no longer skeletal, she still looked pale and thin attending the hearing with her mother and her sister, Nicola.

Solictors acting for Smith and Wyman said in their statement that "an amicable settlement was reached between Mandy Smith and Bill Wyman in respect of Mandy's financial claims against Bill arising out of their divorce. "To avoid speculation, it has

been agreed, with the approval of the judge who has been hearing the case, to release to the press the terms of the settlement ... Both Mandy and Bill, having received legal advice, accept that the above terms are fair in all the circumstances. The settlement represents a victory for neither side over the other.

"Nothing further will be divulged, and indeed nothing further can legally be di-vulged, by either side about the terms of the settlement or any information disclosed in the course of the legal proceedings which have just been concluded."



All over now: Mandy Smith reputedly wanted £5m

Did Mark Thatcher have arms link?

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Thatcher may have had links to a £20 billion arms deal with Saudi Arabia have been made by a former member of President Reagan's National Secunity Council staff.

Howard Teicher makes his claims in a Dispatches programme on Channel 4 tonight. The programme does not produce documents linking Mr Thatcher with the Saudi deal but dwells on his friendship with Wafic Said, a multi-millionaire businessman who admirs he has links with the small civil component of the Al-Yamamah deal. Mr Said strenuously denies ever having any business dealings with Mr Thatcher.

The programme examines deals by British arms com-panies with Saudi Arabia and Iraq during the period that Baroness Thatcher was prime minister. It also looks at the way in which Mr Thatcher has made his fortune in the last 12 years, a sum estimated at £10 million to £40 million. The Al-Yamamah deal is the largest single export con-

tract won by Britain. It in-volved the sale of Tornado and Hawk aircraft and other equipment When a memo-

FRESH claims that Mark randum of understanding was signed in 1985 by Michael Heseltine, as defence secretary, with Prince Sultan ibn Abdul Aziz, the Saudi defence minister. British Aerospace said 25,000 jobs had been secured.

In the mid-eighties, Mr Teicher was responsible for foreign policy in the Middle East and monitored arms sales around the world. It was his job to co-ordinate the disparate US agencies' policy in a way that would help them win contracts.

In the programme he says he is "convinced" that Mark Thatcher may have had links with the deal. He says Mr Thatcher's name figured in diplomatic dispatches and intelligence reports from the American Embassy in Riyadh, the Saudi capital.

Mr Teicher, speaking from his office last night, said: "As a member of the National Security Council staff I would have seen multiple references in a variety of documents over a period of a couple of years." Attempts to contact Mr Thatcher were unsuccessful

Spiro 'knew he was in mortal danger'

Ian Spiro, the Briton found dead in California two weeks ago, after the murder of his wife and three children, knew that he was in mortal danger and told relatives that something had come from the past to haunt him, an inquest was told yesterday.

Ken Quarton, of Toronto, Mrs Spiro's half-brother, told

the inquest in Whitehaven, Cumbria, on Mrs Spiro and her children that Mr Spiro, 46, had been receiving disturbing telephone calls and had been upset after his name appeared in a book about Terry Waite and Oliver North. "The way it was written made it seem that he was working for the United States, and that is dangerous in the Arab world. In know he was in mostal dangerous in the

working for the Ornied States, and that is dangerous in the Arab world. Ian knew he was in mortal danger."

The ashes of Mr Spiro and the bodies of his wife Gail, 41, and their children Sara, 16, Adam, 14, and Deana, 11, will be buried tomorrow in St Catherine's churchyard at Boot, Cumbria. A pathologist confirmed that Mrs Spiro had been shot twice in the head and each of the children shot once. The inquest was adjourned.

Gunmen flee shoot-out

Police and troops were involved in a battle with gunmen believed to have been planning to attack an off-duty soldier near the Irish border yesterday. About 70 shots were fired in the exchange, three miles from Castleders, co. Tyrone. The gunmen are thought to have fied across the border into co. Donegal. None of the police or soldiers was hurt. At least two gunmen were hiding outside the home of a member of the Royal Irish Regiment when they were confronted by armed police and troops. Three men believed to be from Northern Ireland but with addresses in the police and the police and the police and the police and the police are the police and the police are the police and the police and the police and the police are at the police and the police and the police and the police are the police are the police and the police are the poli co. Donegal were arrested later at a house close to the

Cruelty to pets rises

More pets are being abandoned and mistreated and fewer people want to take in strays, the RSPCA reports today. Sixty per cent of its 56 animal homes in Britain, many of which depend on local donations, say that it is more difficult this year to raise funds and to find new homes for abandoned dogs and cats. Many report falling sales from the charity's shops and increasing numbers of sick and hungry animals being handed in by owners who say they cannot afford food or vet's bills. In an advertising campaign launched today, the charity urges anyone thinking of giving a pet for Christmas to think again with its slogar: "If you give a damn, don't give a pet."

Parachutist fined



A parachutist yesterday accused magistrates of effectively driving low-level jumping "underground" after they bound him over to keep the peace for leap-ing off Tower Bridge. Rus-sell Powell, left, of northwest London, made his 150ft leap last June. Powell, 24, was fined £50 for infringing Tower Bridge bylaws and ordered to pay £102 compensation by City of London magistrates.

Times writer wins prize

Nigel Hawkes, the science editor of The Times, was vesterday awarded the British Nutrition Foundation Price, an award designed to recognise work of outstanding merit in food, nutrition and health. The award, sponsored by British Sugar, is worth £1,000 and is awarded annually to nutrition scientists or those who communicate the results of their work. Dr Elsie Widdowson, Honorary President of the foundation, presented the award at its annual hunch at the Royal College of Physicians.

Chess men vie for lead

The English team has made a successful start to the European team championship in Debrecen, Hungary, defeating Spain by 2½ points to 1½ in the first round, Hungary by the same margin in round two and Croatia 3-1 in the third. Nigel Short has won two games and drawn one of the three played, while Michael Adams, from Truro, Cornwall has won all three of his sames. Russia leads the Cornwall, has won all three of his games. Russia leads the contest with 92 points out of a possible 12, Holland has 84 and England 8.

Carrier saves four crew

The Royal Navy aircraft carrier Invincible yesterday reported the rescue of four survivors from the 12-man crew of a Danish ship which sank 280 miles off north-west Spain. Three bodies were also found in the water. The merchant vessel Charm radioed for help before sinking. It was not immediately known why it ran into trouble.

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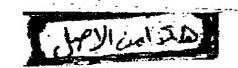
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Sex prejudice findings prompt demand for overhaul of Bar

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A RADICAL overhaul of recruitment and selection of women for the Bar and judiciary is urged in a report yesterday which provides the first firm evidence that there is widespread sex discrimination

The report, found "substantial evidence of early and continuing unequal treatment between the sexes at many levels of the profession" which would affect the applications and appointments as QCs and judges. Sex discrimination. the report says, is "institutionally present within the Bar and judiciary".

They survey, commissioned by the Bar and the Lord Chancellor's department from TMS Management Consultants of Bournemouth and based on a random sample of 1,000 barristers and judges, is the first full-scale study of discrimination within any of the professions. It unequivocally confirms what has previously been confined to anecdote that women suffer discrimination over obtaining training places, known as pupillages, and permanent seats, known as tenancies; in the allocation of work by derks; in earnings; and in the selection process for promo-

tion to the senior ranks. Hilary Heilbron OC, vicechairman of the sex discrimination committee of the Bar Council, said the survey was a watershed. "For 70 years,

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A survey exposing discrimination throughout the careers of women at the Bar is likely to herald reforms in selection

> on the ground of sex. Half the heads of chambers agreed

> women faced disadvantage at

Among the findings are that despite similar educational

qualifications, women on av-

erage had to make 12 applica-

tions for pupillage compared with eight for men and had

more interviews, 5.2 compared with 3.8 for men. At

interview, there was a clear

difference in treatment for

pupillages, 54 per cent of

about future plans, marriage and children compared with

27 per cent of men.

women were asked questions

Sex discrimination was

most common in the alloca-tion of work, with a knock-on

for potential earnings. The

survey found a significant gap

in the earnings of men and

women. Fewer than 20 per cent of respondents had a

gross income of more than £100,000 compared with

The report urges several

steps including a new open

appointments system for the bench based on performance

appraisal, targets, monitoring and publication of vacancies

and selection criteria. For the

statement said that he wished to study the findings in more depth and that he hoped more

nearly 35 per cent of men.

since the first woman was called to the Bar in 1922, women have been subjected to varying degrees of sex

For the first time, there was incontrovertible evidence that such discrimination existed. The survey had highlighted that the "real and underlying problems are deeply rooted in attitudes of mind compound-ed by the traditions of the profession".

The report shows that nearly two thirds of about 600 women who replied to the survey wanted action such as the setting of targets to encourage more women to apply for silk and the bench. The judicial appointments system attracted the most comments -112, more than twice the number on any other issue which favoured less secrecy in selection procedures.

There are 1,420 women at the independent Bar in a total of 6,000. The proportion of women is growing fast: they make up 42 per cent of entrants compared with 11 per cent in 1975. In 1972, women accounted for seven per cent of the practising Bar.

But they are not proportion-ately represented in its higher levels. About 60 per cent of women said they suffered discrimination in their careers

Bar it calls for new systematic recruitment procedures for chambers and an equality policy in the profession's code of conduct. The Lord Chancellor in a

> romen would apply for silk and the bench. ☐ Without Prejudice? Sex Equality at the Bar and in the Judiciary (TMS Management

Consultants, Southbourne Coast Road, Bournemouth BH6 4DX)

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Bravery trophy: Sian Worgan at yesterday's nautical awards ceremony at the Dorchester Hotel. London

Nurse honoured for saving storm boat

A NURSE who took command of a stricken ketch after a freak wave had caused the death of its skipper was presented with a trophy for bravery and seamanship by Sir Peter de la Billière at

a ceremony in London yesterday (Mal-colm McKeag writes). Sian Worgan. 25, from Lyndhurst, Hampshire, had been first mate on the 40ft Agio, sailing from New Zealand to Fiji, when a wave brought its mizzen

mast crashing into the cockpit, killing its skipper and breaking the arm of a crewman. She went back into the cabin, established the yacht's position and sent out a mayday call seconds before another wave drowned all electrical power. For the next 21 hours, she made not a single mistake of seamanship", the Royal Southampton Yacht Club.

which nominated her, said. With the cabin windows smashed, the cockpit wrecked the yacht's steering wheel buckled and jammed and the yacht in danger of sinking. Miss Worgan set about rigging makeshift steering and

bringing the yacht back under control. During the night, she and the remaining fit crew member survived on bars of chocolate while she steered. The next day, she attracted the attention of a passing aeroplane and the yacht was taken in tow by a fishing vessel.

Syllabus in **English** examined for bias

BY JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

GCSE syllabuses in English are to be checked by the government's examinations advisers for sexual bias after research showing a widening gap in performance between girls and boys.

A report from the School Examinations and Assessment Council, published yesterday, showed boys' superiority in mathematics disappearing, while they slipped further behind in English. Girls took 14 per cent more of the top English grades in Wales this year, and were well ahead in the 1991 papers examined for the report.

L'oys' lead in top mathematics grades has shrunk to 3 per cent say the researchers from the University of London Examinations and Assessment Council and the National Foundation for Educational Research: Girls were improving, in spite of being entered for easier e xaminations, which limited their chances of top grades. Alth ough teachers had raised their expectations of girls in mathe maties, the practice in 60 per cent of schools of setting groups for the subject according to ability made movement slow.

In English, reachers believed boys were strong at reading non-fiction books and factual writing, but girls had less difficulty with firstion and writing imaginative essays. Girls also tended to be more highly motivated.

Poppy queen stole £40,000 from Legion welfare fund

By BILL FROST

OLD soldiers were mercilessly duped and long-dead comrades raised from the grave by a forces favourite vho milked British Legion public largesse, a court was

told yesterday. Susan Fielding, 28, stole the hearts of veteran campaigners and was made a Poppy Queen. However, while she basked in their affection she was dipping her fingers in the Legion till and stealing from collecting boxes, Lancaster Crown Court was told. She also stole £40,000 from the Legion's welfare account and spent £5,000 on high fashion

The Poppy Queen, from Blackpool, Lancashire, invented needy cases and in some instances resurrected long-dead ex-servicemen to make assistance claims on

their behalf. She paid the money into her personal ac-count, the court was told. Nick Simms, for the prosecution, said that over a 30month period, Fielding used

the cash to pay her own bills. As well as being crowned Poppy Queen. Fielding was also the Legion's Blackpool branch welfare secretary. She spent £2,400 of the charity's funds on her own fuel bills, £6,000 on food bills and £5,000 on clothes.

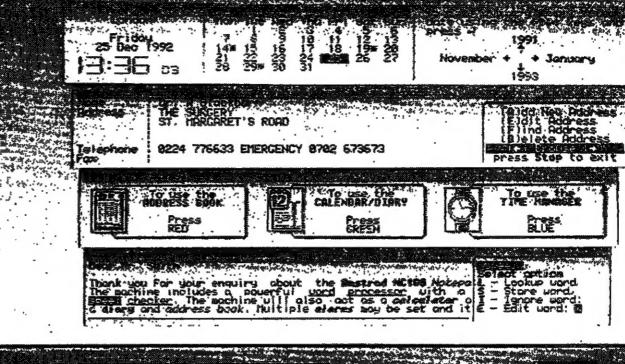
She also put aside "a private nest egg of £23,000". The court was told that only £175

Mr Simms said: "The money was removed in sums of £60-£70 at a time but involved a vast number of cheques. Indeed, some of those paid out involved claims by people who were already dead. A regional officer of the Legion became suspicious and called in the police and during 15 hours of question-ing Fielding made gradual and gradain admissions." and grudging admissions."

John Duncan, for the debeen set up by a previous welfare secretary who was now dead. Fielding had been his mistress. The man had spent money on holidays and boats. After his death, Fielding carried on the fraud.

She was under his spell the mistress of an older and dominating man. Not all the money was for her personal benefit," Mr Duncan said. Fielding admitted eight

specimen charges of forgery and theft and was jailed for 12 months. The judge said: You were trusted by a charitable organisation and betraved that trust. You participated fully and when the other party died you continued with what you had learnt - forgery."





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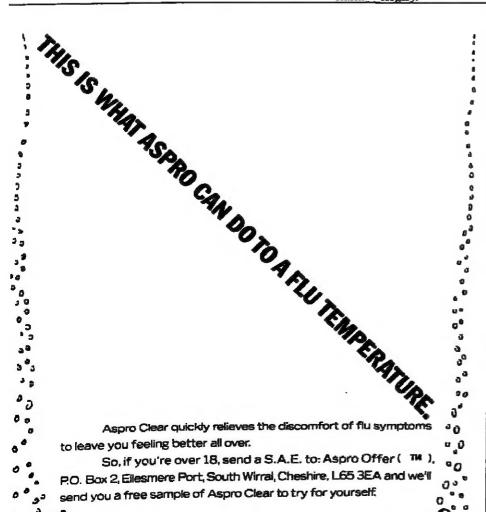
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Canteen cooks urged to use less fat say children vote with their dinner money

Health comes bottom in the school meals league table

HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

JACK Spratt would go hungry in most schools today if he were serious about avoiding fat. School meals contain large amounts, liberally accompanied by sugar and salt, says a report that sets out nutritional guidelines for improving children's diets.

Some school cooks doubt if the guidelines would work. "You can't tell teenagers what to eat," said one. "They are old enough to know what they

More than 90 per cent of parents believe school meals are important and 66 per cent say that they should be healthy and nutritious. Yet only 42 per cent of schoolchildren eat them, down from nearly 66 per cent in 1979, according to the report published by the Caroline Walker Trust, which campaigns for better food.

The report says that schools must provide more bread, cereals, fruit and vegetables and less fatty, sugary and salty

■ New guidelines recommend more nutritious meals for schoolchildren but good marketing at the canteen counter is vital

foods. The way that the food is marketed to the children is as important as what is bought and how it is cooked, it adds. "Children are notoriously faddy and inconsistent in their Cawdron, chair of the School Meals Campaign, which welcomed the report, said. "Parents may encourage their children to eat schoool dinners but the children can spend their dinner money on other

things."
Placing healthy dishes such as salads at the front of the school cafeteria counter or under a spotlight can increase their popularity, she said. Posters advertising combinations of dishes that together cost £1 can also increase sales. Some schools hold tasting sessions of new dishes and discuss healthy foods in home

The report says getting the ren is vital for healthy eating habits in adulthood. Many of the diet-related processess that lead to illness in adulthood begin in early life. Thickening of the arteries, which causes heart disease, can be seen in

School cooks contacted yesterday were sceptical that children can be made to eat healthy foods or that there was a link between diet and academic performance. The school at the top of the

examination tables published last week. Queen Mary's Grammar in Walsali, West Midlands, offered sausage and chips yesterday, while that at the bottom, Nugent Roman Catholic comprehensive in Liverpool, provided pizza and chips.

provided 200 helpings of sausages and ketchup and 80 each of cheese and potato pie and chicken casserole yes day, but that she had to ration the sausages or they would all have gone in the first ten minutes. "We have to provide one healthy choice each day but they go for the sausages." For today she had been allocated 180 portions of sweet and sour burkey. "I know they won't like that. They like a bit of pastry. I have reduced the order to 60 and

The boys at Nugent gain fewer GCSEs but have a longer menu, with seven items on offer yesterday, including lamb steaks, turkey casserole and a corned beef ploughman's lunch. More than half opted for pizzas or fish fingers. "Most go for chips each day." Rose McCarthy, the

ordered 120 meat pies."

cook, said. They are not keen on salads and fresh fruit. They go for biscuits and crisps. It is a losing battle trying to get them to eat healthily."



Going green: one pupil with peas and mashed potato, but many preferations

Religious broadcasts. 'at risk'

BY RUTH GLEDHELL

THE head of the Anglican church in Scotland has condemned the "men in suits" in the BBC who are reorganising Radio 4 iong wave. The Most Rev Richard Holloway, Bishop of Edinburgh, said the daily service was "almost certainly" at risk, He crinicised the unarginalisation of religious broadcasting by the removal of the department of the Manchester. demned the "men in stars" a

Manchester.
Bishop Hollowin said: We all know that the adding machine men are on the march in the BBC and wife gious broadcasting is one of heir main targets." He said at the presentation of the Sandford St Martin Trust religious radio awards at Lainbeth Palace that he was immensely proud of the achievements of religious broadcasting in Britain.

A message from Marmaduke Hussey, BBC chairman, op's comments, said: "I regard the maintenance of religious proadcasting as a highly important strandin the BBC's curpert, both new and in the future."

Merit awards went to BBC Radio I for a music documentary on the Easter story; a Radio 4 programme on a 12th century mystic; and another to Radio 4 for "The Gospel according to St Mark", one of its year-long Bible

Teenager concealed two births

A woman of 19 yesterday admitted trying to conceal the buth of two babies in 17 months. Deborah Morrison, of Corby. Northamptenshire, also admitted creeky to a baby but densed two charges of

mansianghter.
Oxioni Crown Court was told that these were many difficulties in proving how the babies died and the judge. Mr Instice Rougier, entered a formal not guilty ventice on one mansianghter charge and allowed the other to remain on file. Sementary was adfile Scrittering was ad-journed for psychiatric tests.

Jobs ruling challenged

The Equal Opportunities Commission is to petition the Process of Lords for leave to challenge a Court of Appeal ruling that employment pro-tection laws do not discriminate against the 5.7 million part-timers in Britain.

The commission argues that making part-timers work

room comedy Drop The Dead Donatey won an award for best popular aris programme at the International Emmy Awards in New York.

A C4 careers programme on hairdressing shared a chil-drea's award and two TV programmes, Jose Carrents A Life Storp, and A Dangeron Man: Lawrence of Arabia, also won prizes at the ceremony for programmes fast

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Search ends

The search for two fishermen missing off the north Cornish coast has been abandoned. Arnold Must and Neil Harding, both from Padstow, were reported overdue on Monday.

Climber killed

The body of a male dimber his been found on Hen Alligin in the Scottish Highlands. A search began on Sonday when a Dundee University student was reported missing.

Bodies found

The bodies of a boy aged ? and a woman — believed to be his mother - were found in a fume-filled car parked in Smallfield, Surrey.

RUC accused of murder cover-up

By Edward Gorman, ireland correspondent

THE police in Northern Ireland were accused yesterday of what amounts to covering up the criminal activities of an informer, working within the IRA, who took part in the murder of a British soldier. Seamus Mallon, the

SDLP MP for Newry and Armagh, said that a BBC documentary broadcast last night made clear that the RUC informer, named only as Michael, had taken part in the murder of an offduty soldier in Belfast last year. Despite his admission of guilt, however, there appeared to have been no attempt to prosecute the agent and it was not clear whether the Director of Public Prosecutions in Belfast had received a report Mr Mallon said that it

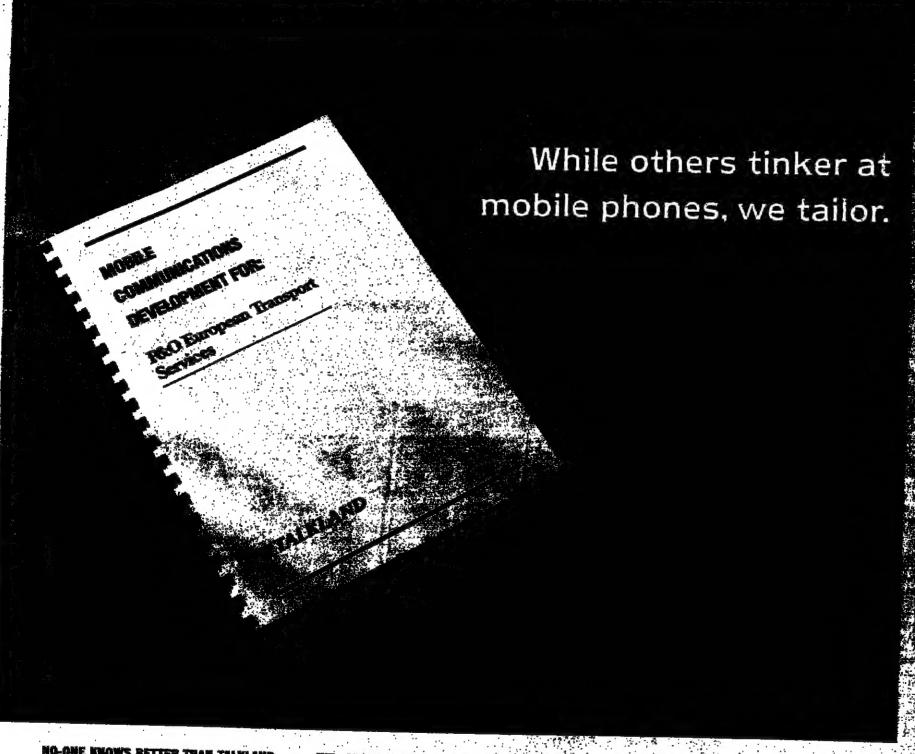
was now a matter of grave importance for the integrity of the law that the police disclosed when they became aware of the informer's involvement in a murder and whether steps were then taken to inform the DPP. "It would be an ... intolerable situation in any society if you had those who are police informers being given a position of being above the law."

The RUC said that it would not comment on the matter until after officers had had a chance to see the programme. He could not confirm whether the agent's handlers knew that

vestigation was carried out. The documentary, An Inside Story Special, shown on BBC1, described how the informer worked for RUC special branch for four years while also working for an IRA cell that carried out bombines and shootings in Belfast. His information led to the discovery of weapons and explosives and apparently helped to save many lives, part in breaches of the law. Speaking on camera but in disguise, he said that he had acted as the getaway driver in the IRA murder in June last year of Tony Harrison, 21, at his girl friend's home in Belfast.

John Ware, the reporter, said that police handlers told the agent to put "the murder and Belfast behind him" and move abroad. He has since left Ireland and has been paid about £150,000 in return for information and to help him to resettle.

The case again highlights the dilemma facing the authorities when dealing with agents in Northern Ireland. To be effective and credible, agents must involve themselves to a degree in the activities of those they are informing upon. Until recently, Home Office guidelines were known to stipulate that agents must not commit crimes and get away with-



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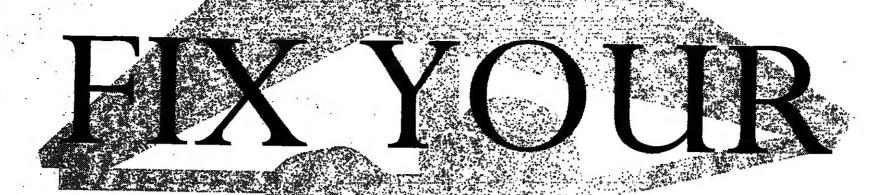
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Fianna Fail faces defeat today

Reynolds admits poll contest will be close

By Edward Gorman, ireland correspondent

THE Irish prime minister faces a close fight in today's general election. Speaking to party workers at the Fianna Fail headquarters in Dublin. Albert Reynolds tried to sound confident but made no secret of the fact that he is not sure if he can remain in power.

He said that he had received a call from John Major, wishing him luck, and added that he hoped to emulate Mr Major's last-minute rally last April, which confounded the polls and returned him to Downing Street.

He went on to launch a last attack on the gathering coalition of up to three opposition parties that seems most likely to form the next government. He said that a Labour. Fine Gael and Progressive Demo-crat "cocktail", which he also claims would have to include Democratic Left, would mean increased borrowing, higher term debt burden. The country was being offered not hope

for a better future but a return to the people and policies who had destroyed Ireland during the Labour-Fine Gael coalition of the mid-1980s.

The mood of enforced jollity at Fianna Fail headquarters underlined the sinking feeling in a party that has already abandoned its original election objective of returning with an overall majority. The best Fianna Fáil can realistically hope for is a minority administration propped up by independents.

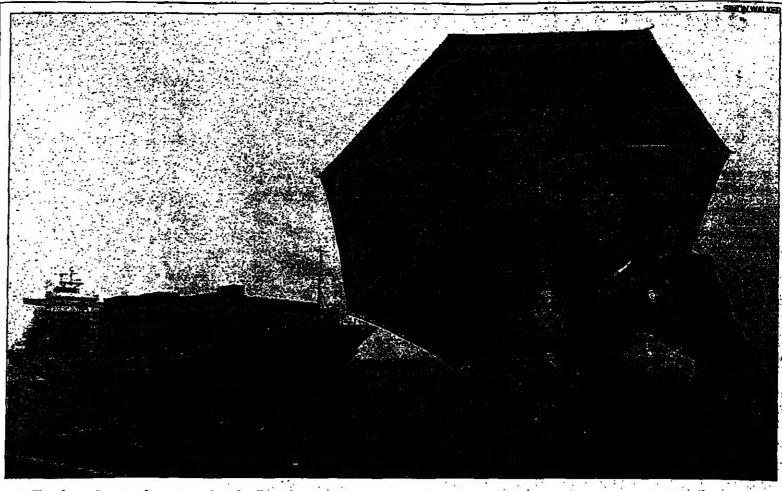
followed a televised debate on Monday night with John Bruton, the Fine Gael leader, regarded by most observers as too close to call. During the discussion, Mr Bruton hinted at the difficult negotiations that will take place after the election when he ruled out a proposal by Dick Spring, the ministership be rotated during the course of the next

that a deal between Fine Gael and Labour will be so unstable - particularly if it includes tight monetary and fiscal policies - that it may not last longer than a year.

portional representation and the single transferrable vote are capable of producing almost any combination in coalition. This time, the process is complicated further by votes on three separate abortion referendums, two of which are likely to be passed and one, on the main right-to-life question. which may be rejected.

Mother Teresa unexpectedly entered the debate yesterday, urging voters to reject abortion. In a letter to the headquarters of the Pro-Life Campaign, she said that the world was in great danger from abortion, which she described as the greatest destroyer of peace and love.

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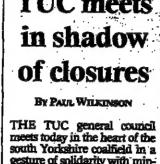


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drab colours? Pink heins to over-

come the feeling of gloom that is too
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The ships have a capacity for 1,600
containers, which they carry between Europe and Australia.



THE TUC general council meets today in the heart of the south Yorkshire coalfield in a gesture of solidarity with miners at collieries facing impend-ing closure. The members will go on to visit threatened pos and meet industry and union

It will be the first time, apart from annual conferences, that the council has met outside Congress House, London. I wenty-five members, led by Norman Willis, the general ecretary, are travelling to the Mansion House, Doncaster,

for the regular meeting.
Mr Willis said: "Many workers and their families face workers and meer tarmines race hardship and misery under the pit closure programme. The effects will be seen in businesses and communities both inside and outside the mining areas. The TUC general council will show its solidarity with those most directly affected.

resident, will tour Markham Main colliery near Armthorpe, where more than 700 workers face redundancy. Others will visit the Grimethorpe, Prince of Wales and Houghton Main pits and will meet some of the 1,000 staff at British Rail's maintenance works in Doncaster which

would face severe difficulties if the pit closures went ahead. Three rallies will be held in the evening. The TUC had originally planned only one but demand for the 2,000 tickets outstripped the supply.

TUC meets | Maps made to order are unveiled

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A NEW range of Ordnance Survey maps, produced to individual customers order. will be launched today by Lord Strathclyde, parliamentary under secretary at Department of the Environment. The maps, co Superplan, are said to be a world first for Britain

Their production has been made possible by transferring of all the plata amassed by surveyors on to computer The process began in 1973 and is due to be completed early in 1995, a decade earlier that was predicted. Of the 230,000 paper maps produced by the survey, about 170,000 me have the complete.

> Each map can be produced in about four minutes. a proposed new development were sent to all local residents likely to be affected, or to prevent duplication in send-

between 1:200 and 1:5,000.

"All this is only the begin-ning," he said. "We expect to see the use of computer networks becoming so cheap drawn from a do

Hotels pick up tab for five-star thieves

By ROBIN YOUNG

HOTELIERS may, like Basil Fawity, occasionally they have nothing on some

For the 1993 edition of AA Hotels and Restaurants in Britain and Ireland the AA questioned 2,000 British hotels about the things guests steal, leave behind or break, their room service requests, and the embarassments they cause.

AA says, that the higher the greater its bill for thieving nests. Brian Sack, partner the Sharrow Bay Country House Hotel on Ullswater, noticing a guest with three hotel ashtrays in her handbag, deftly removed two of them with the gentle reproof that one should be quite enough.

Thefts range from the petty removal of TV remote control batteries, light bulls. pot pourri, room numbers, and fire assembly notices, through the curious a single strip of wallpa-per, a toilet brush, and a picture of Miss World 1988, to the major grandfather clocks, a grand bear, a dance floor carpet and a complete crop of onious taken from the

included false teeth, glasseyes, artificial limbs, hearframe, a sack of snakes and a box of poisonous spiders. Some single men left be-hind false breasts or female

Breakages included 59 toilet seats (one broken into 12 pieces). One hotel had its front door kicked down Hotel, Woodbridge, Sufwrenched a radiator off the

jam sandwiches and fillet steak for a dog fried eggs with ice cream jellied eels at 4.30am.

Hoteliers said that some quests' complaints were ricaused offence, though other natural phenomena that birdsong and the sound of the sea. One guest at the Seacrest Hotel Southsea. the tourist board that the him awake. The roof of the hotel had blown off.

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Waldegrave launches hotline for citizen's charter complaints

By MICHAEL DYNES WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

A NATIONAL telephone hotline providing information on the quality of service to which everyone will be entitled under the citizen's charter is to be launched by William Waldegrave, the public service

The service, to be called Charterline, will cost an estimated £3 million a year to operate. It will provide detailed information on all 28 charters, from British Rail's passenger charter to the National Health Service's patient's charter and the legal system's courts charter.

Charterline staff, who will be equipped with a data base containing details of the levels and quality of services required from all public sector services and private sector utilities, will be available to answer calls between 8am and 8pm on weekdays and be-tween 8am and noon on

A location for the Charter-line office has yet to be decided. Officials hope to have a pilot scheme running early in the new year, with the national service fully opera-tional within 12 months. Callers will have access to the service on an 0345 local rate charge line, regardless of where they live in Britain.

The Charterline service, which will be highlighted in the first annual report on the citizen's charter, published today, is being seen as a practi-cal example of government attempts to introduce the entrepreneurial spirit into the corridors of power. In addition, Charterline will double providing details on the numPlans to improve public services and private utilities begin in earnest today with details of a new information service

ber of complaints made about

specific public services.

Despite being heralded by Mr Waldegrave as "a genuine revolution in Whitehall", ministers have yet to convince the public that the citizen's charter initiative amounts to anything more than a pre-election gimmick. The charters may be the latest example of the momenthe public sector, highlighted by David Osborne and Ted Gaebler in their recent book Reinventing Government, but them, with the exception of the BR passenger's charter, which most commuters do not take

The annual report, in the form of a white paper, will also outline the government's plans to press ahead with the next stage of civil service reforms, in which up to 40,000 jobs could be

privatised.
Under the Next Steps "market testing" initiative, Mr
Waldegrave will outline plans for business worth £1.5 billion to be contracted out to the

The largest part of the programme will be information technology services, including the running of the 12 Inland Revenue data computers. Core civil service func-tions, such as statistics and the Treasury's economic model, as well as more traditional civil service activities, are expected to be made subject to external competition.

Mr Waldegrave hopes to

central civil service by laying down the terms and conditions under which private sector companies can bid to carry out public sector work. The market testing initiative, while familiar to local authorities in the form of contracting out, is still quite novel for many Whitehall departments. Not all this work is expected to be contracted out, but civil service efficiency rares will have to improve if it is to

Civil service unions fear that the gradual privatisation of public services could undermine the traditional confiden-tiality and impartiality of the civil service. It could also lead to the abolition of national pay bargaining, increasing the downward pressure on civil service pay.

remain in-house.



Cottle unmoved by tears of a clown

By JULIA LIEWELLYN SMITH

British clowns are in no laughing mood over the arrival today of an American clown, chosen by the circus manager Gerry Cottle to appear in his Christmas show. Mr Cottle hired 5ft Danise Payne after saying that home-grown clowns were unoriginal untalented prima donnas.
Since Mr Conle's an-

nouncement two of his clowns. Silly Sam and Little Sam, have walked out of his touring show. Clowns International, the clowns' union, last week announced its intention to picket Heathrow airport today when Ms Payne, otherwise known as

Baby D. arrives.

The union, which represents 400 of Britain's leading clowns, also planned to dem-onstrate outside Mr Cottle's Wembley show. It said it was protesting about Mr Cottle hiring a foreigner when two thirds of its members were out of work. But after a sixhour meeting in London earlier this week, the clowns voted not to picket as a body. but to welcome Baby D.

the clown, said: "What Mr Cottle is saying is totally unfounded. I know he could have found a good clown in Britain. I have been awarded the Clown of the Year title by an American body and spend every winter in America training their clowns in British techniques." There were people in America who were saying the British have too much influence on

Mr Cottle, who is a former clown and is vice-president of Clowns International, was unrepentant, "It's true there work, but a lot of clowns are no good and they are incredibly temperamental as well," he said. "Of course there are some good ones in Britain but they are booked up already for Christmas." He was only trying to keep his business going. He said that the British

circus was in trouble because of a lack of training. "We are the only country in Europe without a circus school. Clowns are not properly trained. Many just drift into

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Poachers kill deer for trophy value

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

THE discovery of mutilated stags' carcasses on Exmoor has revived tales of a mysterious beast preying on deer and sheep that have long been part of the folklore of a wild and

However, even this legendary creature is not thought capable of hacking off stags' heads and leaving their bodies to rot. Police believe that hence the difficulty of dispos-ing of carcass meat, may have forced poachers to turn to killing deer mainly for their prophy value.

PC Vernon Rush, of Avon and Somerset police, said: "It seems people are shooting stags for the head and antiers or the feet, which can all be mounted. We hear that £800 to £1,000 is the going black market price for a mounted head and antiers."

PC Rush is based at Exford, one of two stations just inside Somerset from which the police keep an eye on the moors. "During October, we found about ten headless stags, usually reported to us by local hunts or ramblers, which compares with only one or two such incidents over the past ten years."

Poaching normally in-creases in October, the runing season. The stags tend to congregate in the same place each year and make a great deal of noise, enabling them to be found easily at night. PC

Rush said: "The moors cover a big area and the poachers are well equipped with search-lights, four-wheel-drive vehides and high-powered rifles."

Deer roam over much of Exmoor. They are hunted for sport with the permission of private landowners and farmers are allowed to shoot them to prevent damage to crops. Hunts traditionally present farmers with the heads of stags killed on their land. Wild venison fetches only about 50p a lb, about half the price of a few years ago, whereas farmed meat sells for £1.25 a lb.

Graham Sirl, warden of a deer sanctuary run by the League Against Cruel Sports at Dulverton near Exford, said: "A poacher can expect to get about £600 for a head. which is good money for a night's work. The rest of the carcass is probably worth no more than £75, which is not worth the risk involved in getting rid of it."

Tom Lock, a retired carpenter in the nearby village of Hawkridge, who earns a living from carving antiers into items including pen-holders and candlesticks, says he is surprised to hear that stags' heads fetch such a price. "I do get antiers attached to skulls from farmers who have shot the animal on their land but I have never been offered any poached ones." He mainly uses antiers that have been shed by deer each April.

The way it isn't CRAIG BROWN



FOR the first time in living memory, there is no pantomime in the West End. Adults everywhere are bitterly upset. Like attractive wooden toys, Paddington Bear and 200s, pantomimes are what adults wish children would enjoy rather than what children actually

As a child, I contemplated each pantomime season with fresh dread: dread of actors coming into the audience rather than staying on stage, dread of having to join in with the songs that floated on banners and, above all dread of having to go onstage.

Yet my nostalgia for pantomime blossomed the moment I was too old to visit it. By my late teens, I was panto-mad, so much so that

while other university students were acting in Brecht or dressing up as punks I found myself sneaking off to watch Arthur Askey and Dickie Henderson in Cinderella at the Bristol Hippodrome twice in one

"I'm delighted to say we have Henry Cooper in the audience here today!" Arthur Askey would announce. "Stand up Henry and take a bow! Ocops. I'm so sorry, madam!"

Now that I have children of my own, I have the perfect excuse for panto-miming. Last year, I took my four-year-old daughter and her friend Freya to Aladdin in Cambridge. I loved every minute of it but shortly before the interval, just as they were being asked to join in with the first song, my daughter started to cry and Freva was sick.

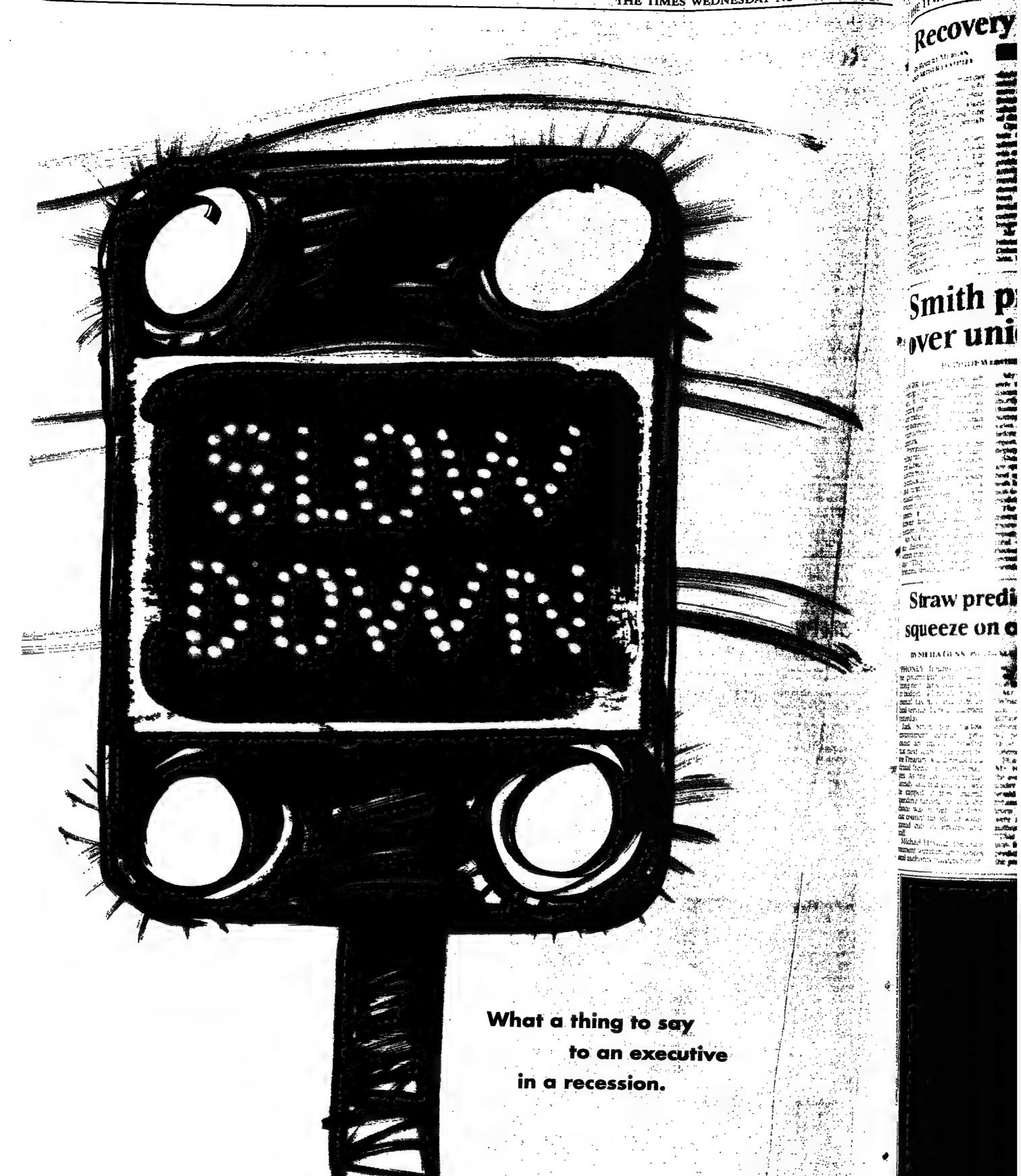
The absence of a pantomime in the West End this year may be a source of much grief to sophisticated grown-ups such as myself. but I fancy there'll be rejoicing in the play-



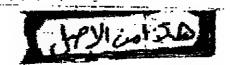
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In an economic standstill, don't stand still on the motorway. Take the train, and let's get the economy moving. (125mph fast enough?)



Recovery the priority after turbulent times in Europe, Hurd tells MPs

By Robert Morgan AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

DOUGLAS Hurd yesterday attempted to sound an optimistic note on Britain's presidency of the EC as he looked back on what he termed "one of the most turbulent periods in Community history".

A succession of troubles during the presidency would ensure that next month's Edinhurgh summit marking the end of Britain's period in office would produce one of theheaviest agendas of recent

Nr Hurd conceded that the EC; problems could not be solved in detail at Edinburgh and emphasised that the aim was to pass from argument to

D. Jack Cunningham, the

ECDEBATE

shadow foreign secretary, seized on critical remarks by some senior EC figures about Britain's presidency and called it an "almost unmitigated disaster".

Opening a Commons debate on the EC. Mr Hurd admitted that the Community was now faced with economic problems and "weakness of activity in most if not all member states". It had been shown that what had once been seen as a puritanical British call for the need to constrain spending was no

longer a minority view.

Mr Hurd recalled the "ambitious" plans of Jacques Delors, the Commission president, to increase the EC bud-

get, and said Maastricht had emphasised the principle of sound public finances. This means the Community cutting its coat according to its cloth

and setting priorities." He conceded that against this background, the "thorny topic" of future financing of the Community would be a dominant issue next month. He admitted that the summit would aim at the "far from easy" target of achieving

unanimous agreement.

Mr Hurd repeated the Chancellor's call for the aims of Britain's Automn Statement to be adopted to boost confidence, promote recovery and protect capital spending.
A full discussion of economic

development was essential in Edinburgh. We need to consider what action member states can take both individually and at Community level to hasten recovery and strengthen growth."

He said that a priority at Edinburgh would be the need to finalise an arrangement enabling Denmark to ratify the Maastricht treaty. He repeated his insistence that renegotiation of the treaty would not be acceptable to any

The ambitious agenda for the six-month presidency had been a programme with six key elements: Gatt; completion of the single market; future financing of the Community: enlargement; subsidiarity; and the Danish proposals on the Maastricht

progress on all these and the EC warsed to make that progress decisive at Edinburgh. The greatest progress had been made on Gan and the single market.

Mr Hurd was pressed by a number of MPs on reports that Britain would take a more relaxed, or "southern European", view of the need to implement EC rules. He replied that Whitehall and town hall officiels sometimes went too far in implementing new rules and would be discouraged from being too rigorous

in their enforcement. Dr Cunningham responded that the lack of progress had made Britain's presidency appear a "fiasco" to man in Europe, although he paid tribute to the one exception to

the general failure, the advances made on Gatt. He urged the government to put economic recovery at the top of the agenda for the Edinburgh summit. In five months of the British presidency there had been no action for economic

recovery in Europe. On Monday, he said, journalists were briefed by 10 Downing Street that a new package was to be put foward by the prime minister and the Chancellor. Twenty-four hours later Norman Lamont was pouring cold water over this new spending package. The result was confusion in Europe. This was not surprising if numbers 10 and 11 Downing Street could not come to agreement about what this package was about.

There should be Europe-

wide measures for employ-ment, job creation, investment in transport and intrastructure, and measures for industrial regeneration and investment. He feared that there would be no solution to the question of subsidiarity at Edinburgh because the government's view of what it meant greatly differed from that of other member states He supported the enlargement of the EC but said that Turkey should not be allowed to join while the Cyprus issue

was unresolved. Dr Cunningham called for concerted action from the EC and UN to make sanctions work in the former Yugoslavia. He said pressure should be put on Greece to stop tankers supplying the Serbs Nick Budgen. Tory MP for

reopened party wounds over Europe by recalling the tactics of government whips in the Maastricht debate earlier this month. He complained that. although politics was a game played with a hard ball, there was a convention that whips did not try to come between a member and his family, or a member and his constituency association. These conven-tions had been ignored. Asked by Tristan Garel-Jones. minister of state at the Foreign Office, whether he believed in referendums, Mr Budgen said that he preferred parliamentary democracy, but for this to work honest opinion must not

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Smith pressed to act over union influence

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR Labour figures are pressug John Smith to intervene in the much vaunted enquir into the party's links with tride unions, amid signs that thereview will leave intact much a their influence on key

Promnent members of the ruling rational executive want the Labour leader to encourage the riview group to tear up its conservative draft proposals and subtitute them with a radical one member, one vote system it end the role of the unions in the selection of Labour andidates and the

election o the party leader. An NEC member, aware of the delibrations going on within thereview, said yesterday: "The are in danger of bringing krward a mouse."

"PHONEY" figures used by

the government when calculating next year's local author-

ity budgets will result in high

council tax bills and cuts in

local services, Labour claimed

Jack Strav, the shadow

environment secretary, produced an aralysis showing

that next years settlement by

the Treasury would result in a

virtual freeze ch council bud-

gets. As the government has

aiready said thit councils will

be capped if they exceed

spending target, he said the

choice was higher-than-fore-

cast council tax vills or wide-

spread cuts in services and

Michael Howard, the envi-

ronment secretary announces

vesterday.

Straw predicts big

squeeze on councils

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Mr Smith, who has deliberately stayed out of the review discussions up to now, is shortly to study its draft conclusions and the options it outlines, and will make his views known to the group before it draws up its final

deputy, is a member. Shadow cabinet colleagues are optimistic that he will try to beef up the proposals in line with his pledge after his election to carry on Neil Kinnock's

report. Margaret Beckett, his

modernising reforms. The Times has learned that, contrary to expectations, the review committee's latest draft report suggests that the electoral college for leadership elections should stay, albeit in revised form, and the junior members should continue to

row, together with a transitional release scheme to help

ease in the new council tax.

Mr Straw said yesterday:
"What my figures highlight is
that the squeeze on local
authorities will be of almost

unprecedented severity and

will hit a great many Conser-

vative as well as Labour-

In a Commons written reply

Mr Howard estimated that

the average rates bill next year

under the old rating system would have been £637. He

refused to predict council tax

levels because, he said, they

were a matter for individual

authorities. Mr Straw said:

That is a remarkable admis-

sion from him, given all the

the pre-election period."

controlled councils."

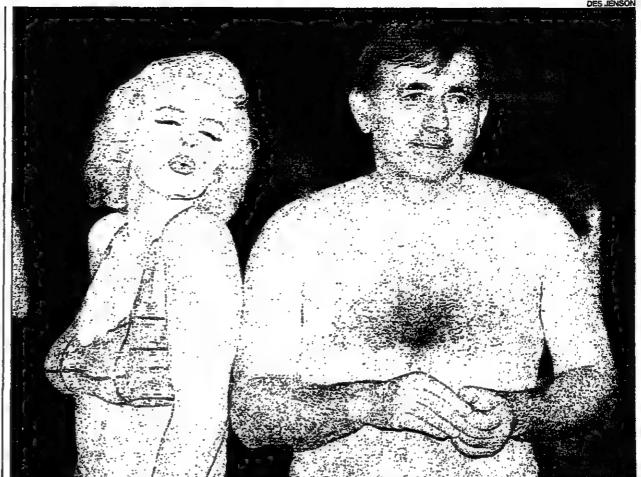
have a say in parliamentary

Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, is reported to be fighting a rearguard action against proposals to retain the union link in those areas. That has brought him into conflict with John Edmonds, leader of his own sponsoring union, the GMB, who is the foremost advocate of maintaining the union link in selections. Mr Edmonds has proposed that unionists paying the political levy should be able to become "registered supporters", and vote in the same way as party

NEC members believe that although the system might work in the case of the GMB, which has regularly main-tained membership lists, it would pose problems for less well organised unions. Some fear it could pave the way for a renewed outbreak of infiltration by hard left and Militant activists who, having been barred the party route to

Other NEC figures say the link in parliamentary selections should be ended immediately. One said: "Forget about the block vote at conference the success of the review will be judged on this question of selecting candidates and

The committee, whose membership is tilted towards the unions, is due to report to the NEC in January. The draft report, a summary of discussions held so far and drawn up by the office of Larry Whitty, the general secretary, suports the retention of the union link. It proposes the ending of the block vote at Labour conferences, but still says the unions should keep some 50 per cent of the vote at the conference, with party members getting 30 per cent predictions ministers made in and MPs and MEPs some 20



Topless Bottomley: Tory Peter Bottomley gets inspiration from Monroe lookalike Pauline Bailey before the Lords v Commons charity swim yesterday, at which the Women Caring Trust hoped to raise more than £60,000

Press 'victims' to give evidence at enquiry

BY SHELLA GUNN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

VICTIMS of inaccurate press reports will appear before a special enquiry called by MPs next month into the likely impact of legislation to con-

trol the media. Although the privately funded enquiry, called by the Labour MP Clive Soley, has not yet announced its agenda. among the "victims" to give evidence next Tuesday is understood to be a private in one of the "royal" stories, and another whose life was allegedly put at risk through

an incorrect news story. In further hearings, held in public in a Commons committee room, MPs will question tabloid editors, representatives of newspaper bodies and Lord McGregor of Durris, chairman of the Press Complaints

Mr Soley set up the crossparty committee of MPs to take evidence before his freedom and responsibility of the press bill comes up for second reading in the Commons on

The bill would set up an independent press authority. a tougher version of the Press Complaints Commission.

and for Labour, Mr Soley, Jeff with legal powers to require newspapers to publish correc-Rooker, Bruce Grocott and tions and adjudicate when Andrew Bennett. The enquiry will run paral-lei with the Commons natcomplaints are made. As he won fourth place in the ballot

ional heritage committee's hearings on privacy and me-dia intrusion, which is also making progress with his calling victims and editors to give evidence on the wider The chairman at the three hearings will be Patrick

for private members' bills. Mr

Soley stands a good chance of

Davies and Teresa Gorman.

Other members

issues of press freedom. In written evidence already tee, the peace campaigner Liberal Democrat Sir David Katrina Howse told of her fight to win damages from The Sun for libel. Undis-Steel, the Tory MPs Michael Fabricant. Sir Geoffrey Johnclosed damages were awardson Smith, Dame Jill Knight, ed to her by the High Court Winston Churchill, Ouentin

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be suppressed.

Plea for dockyards

Big savings would be made in the long term by keeping open Rosyth and Devonport naval dockyards. Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, and Rachel Squire, Labour MP for Dunfermline West, claimed. Mr Brown said there would be savings of £560 million by the year 2015, through not having to meet redundancy payments and nuclear waste clean-up costs. Delegations from both dockvards visit Westminster today to meet John Smith, the Labour leader.

EFA hope

The prospects for the European Fighter Aircraft have brightened following the positive comments from Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and cost reductions of up to 30 per cent which the industry had identified, Jonathan Aitken, defence procurement minister, said at question time.

Lords defeat

The government was defeated by 153 votes to 95 in the Lords over its plans to implement European curbs on fishing. A Tory revolt brought defeat during the report stage of the sea fish (conservation) bill.

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local authority budgets tomor-

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Danes top hidden agenda for EC's toughest summit

Denmark's Maastricht quibbles will dominate at Edinburgh. Hard-pressed ministers will be tempted by a two-track solution

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

THE multiple problems now afflicting the European Community make last year's summit clash at Maastricht look simple by comparison with the Edinburgh summit in just over two weeks. John Major, scooting around 11 EC capitals between now and the meeting, is carrying with him one of the longest and most troublesome agendas any summit chairman has

confronted for years.

Although ministers and European commissioners are spending much of this week wrangling about money to relaunch Europe's battered economies, the prime minister's key journey will be to Copenhagen next week and will have almost nothing to do with finance. However much the summitteers may try to disguise the fact. Denmark's subversive attempts to dilute the Maastricht treaty will be the leading subject on everyone's mind in Edinburgh.

Mr Major is accused, by Günther Verheugen, chair-man of the German parliament's European committee, "letting this ticking bomb

fashionable EC plaint, shared by many of the Maastricht treaty's most fervent advocates here, that Mr Major is a halfhearted bomb-disposal man. They believe the prime minister secretly hopes that the many doubts and fears corroding the Maastricht treaty will wreck it before the Conservative Party itself disintegrates

The British government has, by a series of accidents, edged itself towards just such a gamble: EC leaders face a

Douglas Hurd, the foreign

Kinkel: told Deamark it could be kicked out

nudderless French government whose trade policy is made by furious farmers determined to wreck a world trade treaty: the exchange rate mechanism is tottering; and referendums and polisters have discovered that Europeans care less about European unity than about the safety of

The last of the EC's own polls showed 56 per cent of 13,000 people questioned would be "very relieved", indifferent, or hold no opinion if they were told the EC had been would in been wound un.

Edinburgh will face further arguments over whether the Community should start negotiating with new members and over the size of subsidies from the rich north to the poor south before Manstricht's fate is known. Above all, the summitteers confront a wellorganised Danish coalition which has far more leverage over the shape of the Maas-tricht treaty than they care to

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ecretary, told MPs this week that there was a reasonable chance that Denmark's problems would be solved, but he

All things to all men: a Greek cartoonist's view of the many divergent interpretations of the Maastricht treaty on European union. Polls have revealed that Europeans care less about unity than the safety of their jobs

was careful not to predict that the miracle could be worked at Edinburgh. Conversations with party leaders and officials in Copenhagen underline that Mr Hurd will be lucky to by the Danish dilemma.

Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Danish foreign minister, com-pletes a quick tour of EC capitals here tomorrow. On his travels he has met a wary response to Denmark's demands. These were "not un-problematical", Klaus Kinkel, the German foreign minister, said. In private Dr Kinkel was more direct, telling his Danish counterpart that, if the Danes pushed too far, they would be kicked out of the EC.

one Danish party leader, try-ing with difficulty to define a way for Denmark to carve a niche for itself in the Comminity's structure which will alimmigration policy to be transferred to Brussels. low Danes to avoid several Political leaders in Copen-

central obligations of the Maastricht treaty while not falling out of the EC altogether. A common front of seven of the Danish parliament's eight political parties have listed demands which together amount to an opt-out so enormous that it puts Mr Major's Maastricht "game, set and match" in the shade.

The parties want a guarantee, good for the entire duration of the treaty, that Danes cannot be included in any future defence policy. The rest of the EC should agree that

Denmark will not join the . single currency, recognise. "European citizenship" of allow any fragment of national

hagen have accepted that their EC partners will not risk tinkering with the text of the treaty to insert new protocols but, in intensive negotiations with London, a "legally bind-ing" formula is being ham-mered out. All 12 states would have to accept Denmark's exemptions as unalterable and the effective revision of the treaty would, ideally, be confirmed by the European court.

The formulas will neither be ready nor agreed at Edia-burgh. If the EC agrees to

Denmark's demands, they will sanctify a revolution in European integration; states would be able to choose the parts of the EC they join on an a la carte basis.

If that were to happen, Peter Sufficient, a former European commissioner, said re-cently, there is no way that one could talk any more of one

Community".
But the Edinburgh summiteers otherwise face the even worse prospect of restarting the Maastricht talks all over again. Few leaders can face the idea in the querulous and introspective Community of

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Third World given more ozone cash

FROM MICHAEL MCCARTHY IN COPENHAGEN

INDUSTRIALISED countries, including Britain, will add up to \$500 million to the \$240 million already pledged to help Third World nations phase out ozone-damaging chloromorocarbons (CFCs), ministers and officials have

The 83 signatories to the Montreal Protocol, the treaty governing CFC phase-out, are meeting in the Danish capital and will make the money available between 1994 and 1996 if developing countries agree today to follow the industrialised world and bring forward their CFC phase-out forward their CFC phase-out also be expected to accept the first controls on other ozone-

depleting substances. Britain and other developed nations are expected to adtoday from 2000 to 1996; Third World countries, which enjoy a 10-year grace period,

The extra money will go to replenishing a special fund set up for the purpose by the Montreal Protocol. The fund has been the subject of a growing series of squabbles since its 1990 establishment in London.

erro widely used in refrigera-tion, aerosols and industrial cleaning, and on the reluctance of some donor countries Britain has declined to provide its pledged communions

will not put money into a UN bank account for it to sit there absolutely nothing. David MacLean, the environ ment minister, said yesterday The argument has now

been settled by the promise of

Arguments have centred on the fund's slowness in promoting projects in the developing would to eliminate CFCs, hith-

control claim angers

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KENNETH Chike tween the Dutch and Buish governments by alli entering The Neiherlands next year might be treated in the same way as non-European Community

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said.
The dispute, spriced by remarks Mr Clare made terday, threaten to spill over into a meting in London next Moday and Tuesday of EC immigra-tion ministers t will be their last meeting before into effect on january 1. and may present the last chance for the overnment to reach agreement with Brussels on her passport checks are made at British

One county has suggested they yould treat people from bitain as if they were coming from buside the (ammunity, Mr Clarke tolt the meeting explaining later that



Beyond a welcoming smile.

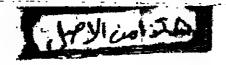
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Flames of anger. French farmers in Besançon look on after a Coca-Cola vending machine was set alight in protest at the US-EC trade deal

French farmers target British lorries

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

ON THE eve of a parliamentary debate and a big farmers' protest in Paris, the militant peasants' organisation yesterday declared war against British lorries entering France with agricultural products.

with agricultural products.

All such vehicles would be intercepted on the highways from December 1, along with those from the Irish Republic, the Netherlands and any from the United States, said Coordination Rurale, the hardline group that was formed this year and created havoc on the roads and in towns in the early summer. The group, whose troops include thousands of small farmers, is joining forces with the mainstream FNSEA union, sending squadrons of tractors into central Paris as the government seeks parliamentary endorsement of its rejection of the terms of the new European

Community-United States accord on farm produce. Protesting farmers disrupted traffic in Calais and half a dozen other cities yesterday.

"Attack is the best form of

"Attack is the best form of defence," Jacques Laigneau, the co-ordination leader, said in amouncing the offensive in a letter to President Mitterrand, "It is time to lance the abscess and make our European partners face their responsibilities. We will only succeed in making some countries understand our problem if we make them a part of it."

Britain was being targeted, he said, "because it is time for

them to decide finally which continent they belong to". Since the safety of trucks could not be guaranteed. M Laigness suggested that the president order the customs to block them at the frontiers.

called an all-European day of protest on December 2, focusing on Strasbourg. Riot police were being mar-

shalled early today to prepare for the farmers' arrival in central Parls. Security will be tight near American properties or firms with American links. Coca-Cola plants and McDonalds' hamburger bars have been subject to demonstrations despite the near 100 per cent French content of their products and ownership. In case farmers were short of ideas, the mass circulation France Soir published a menu of choice American targets yesterday. These ranged from the obvious American embassy and headquarters of IBM France to eating and drinking spots such as Harry's Bar and

the Chicago Pizza Factory.

The public's sympathy for the country's one million

agriculturs rose yesterday with a report whiche showed that their income would drop endorsement for France's en-gagement in the Gulf war. Instead, the opposition, which by 6 per cent this year because of falling prices. The average is expected to fall fast from is trying to be even more rejectionist than Pierre Bérégovoy, the prime minisnext year with the imposition ter, will table a resolution of its of the reform in the common own. The opposition's motion agricultural policy. The government, many of whose ministers hail from rural power bases, has been proclaiming loud and long that it will never desert the farmers in the face calls on the government to inform its partners that France will refuse to approve the Washington agreement and that it will "use all means at its disposal, including a veto" to of what is depicted as an obtain relief. Anglo-Saxon plot to sacrifice French agriculture for the sake ☐ Tokyo: The Japanese gov-

French agriculture for the sake of an accord on General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The opposition Gaullist and centre-right parties last night confirmed that it would not vote against the government when it places its Gatt refusal as a confidence vote under a mechanism last used to win example of the sake of an accord on General department last night was showing every sign of ignoring a call by Arthur Dunkel, the director-general of Gatt, for significant concessions on opening the Japanese rice market. Kiichi Miyazawa, the prime minister, appears to be risking fresh trade disputes by maintaining that Japan has no intention of easing the ban.

EC brings the Keynesian skeleton out of its closet

The news that the European Community summit in Edinburgh is to debate an ambitious scheme to kickstart Europe's depressed economies amounts to the clearest U-turn in economic policy since the rise of monetarism in the late 1970s. But despite growing enthusiasm for interventionist economic policies, a European recovery programme is not expected to live up to its name, if only public budgets are already overstretched.

At the European Investment Bank (EIB), the Luxembourg-based institution which would be at the heart of any recovery scheme, bankers privately reacted with incredulity and exasperation at suggestions of the quoted £40 billion or even £50 billion figures. Bonn also remains implacably opposed to any scheme which would involve an increase in Germany's EC budget contributions, already the largest among the Twelve. Politically, it would be impossible for Germany to accept a greater share of the EC budget while enforcing tax rises and public spending cuts at home. A piecemeal approach towards restructuring is the best one can hope for.

Nevertheless, the emer-

sence of a "European Recovery Programme" at the top of the EC's political agenda even if it does not lead to immediate changes in policy - amounts to a shift away from monetarism and some of its variations towards a more pragmatic stance, especially the acceptance in principle of Keynesian demand seems to have been accepted virtually throughout the Community — and even, implicitly, by London. It was Horst Köhler, secretary of state in the German finance ministry, who found himself unusually isolated at Monday's meeting of European image ministers in Brussels when he tried to defend "monetarist rigour" and free

In a bizarre European role

Monetarism is now out of fashion. So how is a Community recovery package to be financed, asks Wolfgang Münchau



reversal, Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, appears have no objections to the initiative, although he has tried to play down the significance of any recovery package. Speaking on BBC radio's Today programme, he said: "There is increasing worry and anxiety about growing recession in Europe... and the feeling that this is something that the Community and the countries of the Community must discuss." This is a far cry from previous official policy, summed up by the words: "If it's not hurting,"

Funds for a European recovery programme could be raised by three methods. One is the "private-sector" method, as favoured by the British government. This would involve the use of the European Investment Bank, which borrows cheap money in international capital markets and then passes it on as cheap loans especially for infrastructure and environmental moiects.

vironmental projects.

This could work, but only to a very limited degree. The EIB, which last year raised some £11.1 billion on capital markets could conceivably increase its exposure, but not by much more than £4 billion or £5 billion. It could not mobilise amounts even close to the £48 billion, which Henning Christophersen, the EC's finance commissioner, has been quoted as advocating in order to restore real growth next year.

The amount of investment

The amount of investment the EIB can mobilise for infrastructure projects is normally much greater than its own contribution, because of the contribution, be private-sector investors. But since the present recession is caused by a reduction of

private-sector investment and employment all over Europe, there is little hope that the private sector could itself pull Europe out of recession, even with institu-

tional help.

Mr Lamont also said that the funding for such plans would probably involve a "reallocation of existing money". Here again, the means are fimited. Given that so much of the EC's "existing money" is used in farm subsidies. a further reallocation of resources would would constitute yet another blow to French and Italian farmers, beyond what would be required under an eventual trade agreement.

This leaves Keynesian demand management as the main weapon. But in most European countries there is only limited scope for further increases in borrowing in order to finance public-sector capital spending. The British budget deficit will rise to about 8 per cent of gross national product by 1993/94 — close to Italian levels, if not worse. Germany is trying to curb spending for its own reasons. Since the scope of tax increases in Europe is also limited, the question of where this money is coming from will feature prominently at the EC summit next month. It is closely linked to the issues of the EC budget and the British rebate.

"European Recovery Programme" was the official name of the Marshall Plan, which was designed to rebuild Europe after the second world war. European leaders might reflect on why it is that after 40 years of peace, prosperity and privatisation, Europe is again in desperate need of an emer-



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Ceausescu, the freed playboy prince, dons dissident's halo



opposed his parents

By SEAN HILLEN IN BUCHAREST AND TIM JUDAH, BALKANS CORRESPONDENT

tion in Romania yesterday to

his sudden release. Ana

lancu, a shop assistant in

Bucharest, said: "People are

so worried about where they

can get food and if they will

lose their jobs . . . They do not

have time to bother about the

fact that it is unjust for him to

be released. There are too

GAUNT, chain-smoking and slurring his words, Nicu He was released from prison because of poor health. Suffering from chronic cirof the former Romanian dicrhosis of the liver, Ceausescu tator, Nicolae, and his wife, spent several months undergoing treatment in both the Elena, was freed yesterday from the Bucharest prison hospital of Jilava prison, 12 miles from Bucharest, and in that had been his home since the capital's Fundeni hospital. the Christmas revolution of There was little public reac-

Family members of the former Communist party leader helped the sick man into a car which sped off to an unknown destination in the capital. Ceausescu. 41. the one-time heir to his father's power and wealth, had been charged with genocide and

is here and we are cold."

The infamous playboy was arrested during the uprising of December 1989 when his parents were forced to escape from party headquarters in the capital by helicopter. At that time, Ceausescu was party boss in the Sibiu area of central Transylvania and organised a military and police force to crush the popular revolt. He was in custody when he learned of

his parents' execution. Initially, Ceausescu was found guilty of genocide in the deaths of 89 people in Sibiu and was sentenced to 20 years in prison. But he protested his innocence and during a hearing in June last

ed to instigation of genocide. As investigations continued, he was given a five-year sentence for illegal possession of firearms, the only charge

Elena Cherciu, a state prosecutor, said they did not protest at the decision to release him because of his poor health. Under the terms of his release, he will be under constant surveillance.

In an interview with The Times after a year in prison, Ceausescu claimed to be Romania's greatest living dissident. He said that he had argued with his parents and that they had exiled him to the provinces. He also claimed that he had tried to prevent the demolition of But few Romanians are likely to believe that tale. Throughout the period of repression, they had regaled each other with stories of the bacchanalian lifestyle of the

"crown prince". To them, he represented the myth and power which collapsed in the revolution. Sex, fast cars and lots of drink embellished the stories. From his teens, Ceausescu fed the gossip mill. He was repeated to have been rewarded with a fast car for raping a classmate at the age of 14 and later to have pulled the fingernails of Olympic gymnast, Nadia Comaneci, for refusing to succumb to his sexual desires. In prison, he

During his trial in 1990 in Sibiu, small groups of people would demonstrate in support of him. Far from hating him, many held fond memories of Ceausescu. When food ran out in shops across Romania, he was remembered as the buccaneer who diverted

trains to feed his fieldom. After the revolution. Ceausescu pointed out that, while faithful Nicolae servants had bulldozed the historic centres of a thousand towns and villages to emulate the destruction of old Bucharest, he had saved Sibiu. Indeed, Sibiu's Saxon German and Transylvanian heriThe truth has yet to be told about the revolution, and despicable as he may have peen Ceausescu was simply a symbol of the old regime on whom to blame the excesses of the past. The real technicians of repression were the apparatchiks who seized power in 1989, and if Ceausescu had not existed they would have had to invent him. For if he

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was not guilty, then they were. Romanians have mixed feelings about Ceauseson. They wanted him in jail, but they could not believe that he was a mass murderer. Reelected to power in the recent election, Romania's rulers are hoping that this embarrassing chapter can now be

Chief of police union admits failure to curb violence by neo-Nazis

Turkey is demanding compensation for the murder of its citizens by neo-Nazis in Germany. Italians fear they may be the next target

> From Anatol Lieven in bonn, John Holland in mõlin and John Phillips in rome

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Owen urges

visas for

refugees

By Julia Llewellyn Smith

BRITAIN should issue tem-

porary stx-mouth visus to

refugees from the former Yu-

goslavia, Lord Owen, the

European Community peace

envoy said yesterday.

At the launch of the British

office of Médecins sans Fron-

lères, the emergency aid org-anisation, of which he is

chairman, Lord Owen said:

The further away a country.

take refugees on a permanent

basis. Temporary visas are very helpful for people in the immediate aftermath of events." He said Germany

was the only European coun-

try to have been helpful in its

Speaking of the recent post-ponement of the evacuation

of Bosnian prisoners and

civilian refugees detained in

northern Bosnia. Lord Owen

said: "I found it both embar-

rassing and wholly unjusti-

fied that we were unable to

take detainees out of deten-

tion centres because there

were not enough commit-

ments from third party coun-

tries to take them. Detainees

have got to be found places."

dealings with refugees.

THE chairman of Germany's police trade union last night dmitted serious failures in dealing with right-wing violence that led to the murders in Mölln and criticised the German authorities.

The words of Hermann Lutz echo criticism of the legal authorities from the German ress which has been gathering pace for almost a year. All the German papers yesterday ran headlines on the killing of three Turks in an arson attack, and several condemned the

silence to commemorate the

Besieging

Serbs defy

no-fly zone

FROM REUTER

SERB helicopters openly de-

fied a UN no-fly zone in

Bosnia to shuttle fresh troops

and supplies to Serb forces besleging the town of Gradacac, Sarajevo radio said

on Tuesday.
The Muslim-controlled

radio accused Serbs trying to

capture the strategic northern

town of inflicting heavy casu-

alties in renewed shelling and

infantry attacks.

The fighting in Gradacac

and other towns in central and

northern Bosnia came as the

UN relief agency prepared to test a pledge by Serb com-

manders to allow aid to reach

the starving populations of

two beleaguered Muslim com-

munities in the east. UN

convoys will head for the

stricken towns of Gorazde and

Srebrenica today after assur-

ances that they will be allowed

Sarajevo radio's corres-pondent in Gradacac said

shelling of the town, which

has been under heavy attack

for more than two weeks, was

intense yesterday. There was

infantry fighting on the out-

helicopters flouting the UN

ban brought up the Serb

☐ Western warships have

stopped six ships and ordered

them searched since opera-

tions to enforce an embargo

on rump Yugoslavia began

two days ago, the Italian navy

to cross Serb lines.

Mölln killings and has deleaders have called on Germanded compensation for the mans to do more to protect families. Representatives of foreigners living among them. Jewish and gypsy groups have condemned the Bonn govern-Sabine Leutheusser-Schnartenberger, the justice minister. ment, and especialy Helmut said that Germans must overcome the tendency to "silence, Kohl, the chancellor, for its complacency and looking in alleged failure to act against the other direction". Herr Lutz said that it was high time to

In Mölln last night, the tidy main street of the picturesque Schleswig-Holstein village begin setting up units to gather information about the was awash in Christmas decoextreme right. He demanded rations. The Northern Light that firebomb attacks be treated as murder. "I cannot which bathed the 17,000 resiunderstand why the courts dents was so soft it made everyone and everything it charges of touched look good, decent, clean and innocent. One only Turkey delivered an official protest to Germany about the saw the newest scar on the German soul when one turned off the main road onto

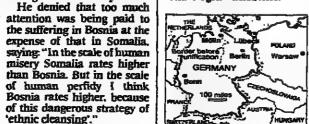
> Straight ahead, waiking past the haunted faces of Turks and Germans alike, one sees the sickly yellowish build-ing at Mühlenstrasse 9, where a Turkish woman and two girls were killed. Up the same road yesterday, on his way from the local hospital to visit injured victims, came Björn Engholm, Schleswig-Holstein's minister-president. He was accompanied by Farouk Arsian, a stout man wearing a black leather jacket and a three-day beard. Mr Arsian had just lost his mother, a daughter, a niece, his home and direction in life in the fire. The Germans in the village seem to care a lot and appear

the tiny cobble-stoned

to be suppefied by it all. Terrible, just terrible, mut-tered one elderly woman. Italy has reacted with shocked disbelief to the resurgence of intolerance in Germany. Italian workers in Germany, their numbers swelled by depression at home, now fear they may become the next targets of neo-

Nazi racist violence.

Blow to excellence: The budget debate in the Bundestag was postponed for several hours when the computerguided microphones failed in the newly built parliament building. Deputies criticised the architect of the building, and lamented the damage to Germany's reputation for technological excellence.





No holds barred: police officers, of a special enforcement unit, bringing down Joaquin Garcia, 30, after he had barricaded himself in his home at Fontana, California. His young child was wounded during the standoff

Guardian Angel confesses sins

From Ben Macintyre in Washington

THE leader of the Guardian Angels has admitted to staging "heroic" stunts, including his own kidnapping, to gain publicity for the crime-lighting group based in New York. Curtis Sliws, 38, whose

talent for self-publicity has been legendary but whose heroism, it now appears, is mythical, told the New York Post that he had set up six hoaxes since 1978 to rekindle public support for the vigilante group whenever it seemed to

be waning.

Many of the most celebrated episodes of Guardian Angel bravery turn out to be playacting, such as the occasion Mr Sliwa claimed to have been injured fighting off a gang of rapists. "I pride myself on being a good fighter, but these guys were no push-overs," he said at the time, or when two Angels supposedly rescued a mugging victim from the path of an oncoming

In October 1980, Mr Sliwa said that he had been kidnapped by three transit policemen, threatened and later abandoned. This incident also lent, but Mr Sliwa maintained in the interview that recent

attacks on him have been genuine. In April, he was beaten by men wielding baseball buts and in June he was shot five times in the back of a New York taxi.

It was while recovering from his gunshot wounds, and reading the thousands of let-ters from well-wishers, that Mr Sliwa felt a twinge of conscience. "I felt a bit unworthy," he said. "If people are going to like me it is about time they knew the whole truth. If I go from here to burn, so be it."



Sliwa: organised stunts to attract publicity

Senator accused of harassing women

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BOB Packwood, the Oregon senator renowned for championing women's causes, faced demands for his resignation yesterday in Capitol Hill's latest ser search! Ten former female aides or

congressional lobbyists have claimed that the 60-year-old, recently divorced Republican sexually harassed them. When The Washington Post privately confronted him with the charges five days before the November 3 Senate elections, he denied them. Having secured a fifth six-year term. he has now implicitly owned. up by apologising for any distress he caused.

Mr Packwood is the third US senator to be confronted by such charges in recent months. Washington's Brock Adams denied charges of molesting eight women, but decided not to seek re-election this year. Hawaii's Daniel Inouye has been accused of molesting his former barber and other women.

Last year's Clarence Thomas Supreme Court nomination hearings, during which a former aide, Anita Hill, ac-cused Mr Thomas of sexual harassment, have emboldened women to step forward

previously kept to themselves. The hearings had clearly had a "dramatic effect", said Patty Murray, a newly elected senator from Washington. "It reminds me of where child abuse was 20 years ago — a very closed-door issue. Similarly the message on sexual

we do not tolerate it in our highest legislative body." The Oregon Democratic party demanded Mr Packwood's resignation, calling him a "study in hypocrisy" because he had "always led Oregonians to believe that he has been a strong advocate for

harassment is fast becoming:

women's issues". Women's groups, loath to torpedo one of their strongest supporters, demanded a Senate ethics committee

Mr Packwood said in a statement that "my inten-tions were never to pressure, to offend, nor to make anyone feel uncomfortable, and I truly regret if that has occ-urred with anyone either on or off my staff. His press secretary, one of several women in top positions on his staff, said that he had no intention of resigning.

French warship docks in Vietnam

Hanoi: A French warship day, the first French warship to dock there since the Viet Minh ended French colonial rule in 1954, and the first Western military vessel to visit Vietnam since 1975.

The frigate Nivose docked at the northern port for a threeday courtesy call, Vietnamese officials said. Haiphong was the headquarters of French naval forces in Indochina until they withdrew ofter the defeat at Dien Bien Phu.

Vietnam's communist lead ers, who depended on Soviet military aid until the late 1980s, have opened low-level military contacts with France, and some non-communis Asian countries. Military attaches have arrived from France, Indonesia and Thailand, the first from noncommunist countries. (Reuter

Credits halted

Washington: The US agriculture department suspended Russia from its food credit programme for being \$10.9 million behind on a payment. It was hoped Russia would soon pay and be reinstated in the programme. (Reuter)

UN aides shot

Planous Penis: Three members of a UN electoral registration team were wounded by gunfire, one seriously, in an ambush in northwestern Cambodia, the worst attack yet on the organisation's peacekeepers in the country, a UN

official said. (Reuter) TV chief sacked

Moscow: President Yeltsin dismissed Yegor Yakoviev, head of Channel One, Russia's main television channel, after complaints from regional leaders that he had allowed reports too sympathetic to repuratist movements to be broad-

Policy change

Amman: General Joseph Hoar, the new head of US Central Command, was this week a guest at the royal pal-ace, marking a complete reversal of the anti-Western stance taken by Jordan during the Gulf war. Coca-Cola is on sale after a 40-year ban.

Road opened

Mozambique: The opening of a highway for the first time in 12 years has marked a step forward for the eight-week-old peace agreement ending the 17-year civil war in Mozambique. The road links Maputo, the capital, with Beira, 680 miles away.

Task aborted

Miami: The Miami Herald said Israel had planned to kill Shaikh Hassan Nasrallah, a leader of the Lebanese Hezbollah group, but the plan had been aborted when five sol-diers of an elite unit were killed during a training accident (Reuter)

Bhutto feted

Lahore: More than 10,000 people turned out to cheer Benazir Bhutto, the Pakistan opposition leader, when she arrived here yesterday on a crusade to oust the government. "This is the people's verdict," shouted Bhutto. "They have won." (Reuter)

Relatives held

London: The Indonesian authorities are reported to have arrested several relatives of Xanana Gusmao, the East Timor resistance leader who has been held incommunicando since he was arrested in Dili. the capital of Timor, last week.

Muscovites find democracy a bore and carry on queuing

The elderly cleaner, shining the corridors ■ of the Kremlin's Palace of Congress before a thousand people's deputies tramp through it in a week's time, was unimpressed by the prospect. "They'll come from the provinces on expenses-paid trips and sit on their fat bottoms listening to the sound of their own voices, just like the old days," was her unflattering, if accurate preview of the proceedings of Russia's highest legisla-

The machinations of congress, the convocation of 1,000 deputies from local soviets (district councils) across Russia, may dominate the whispered conversations in the corridors of Kremlin and parliament, and keep diplomats and journalists in a state of agitated expectation about the outcome of the hardliners' battle with the reformers over the pace of change, but most Russians seem thoroughly bored with the showdown

The thrust and parry of democratic argue about prices and quality of the politics, which had the nation glued to its produce," said the cleaner. These days he's television screens a year ago, now bores and confuses the nation which regards politics as the clash of Titans over their heads. A reader's letter to Moskovsky Komsolets, the mass-circulation paper, summarised the ennui: "Why the excitement? This congress is as far away from the people as was its communist predecessor. Will any single deputy stop and think about the effects of their braying on the ordinary people's lives? No, it's all pacts and plots and cabals, like the tsar's court, and the peasants and proles can rot as far as they care."

E ven President Yeltsin, the populist, is valued these days more for his courageous stand against last year's coup and his personal charisma than his reformist aims. The element of hero worship in Russia's relationship with him has faded.

"I remember when he used to take the trolley bus home and go to the markets to

whisked up the centre of the road in a Zil, just like Brezhnev and Gorbachev, and he wouldn't know the price of sausage without consulting an adviser - and he'd have to

This is a winter of grim sobriety laced with bitter disappointment that the fruits of reform have not been quicker to ripen. As the rouble plunges and inflation rises, old women and young, harassed mothers scrabble among the rotting fruit and vegetables at street markets in search of a bargain. The Moscow health authorities recently clamped down on illegal traders selling out-of-date meat but were hindered by an angry crowd, shouting: "Rather old meat than no meat." Daily grind leaves

little time or appetite for political debate. The mixture of anger and passivity in the face of politics is fed by the recognition that parliament and congress, the country's two executives, are hangovers from the old days

With no main elections for four years, it seems a waste of energy for anyone, other than those few citizens with strong political convictions or personal interests, to concern themselves with these bodies.

M ore and more, the phrase "Bring back Brezhnev" is heard. Hardly anyone means it, but anger and weariness are enough to blind perceptions of the past. The entire milk delivery to the supermarkets of the northern suburbs was sour yesterday morning because the distributors had run out of petrol and, not having budgeted for the recent price rise, found they could not afford to send out the fleet of lorries to the farms to pick up new supplies.

Not that anyone saw fit to announce the fact. They let the mothers queue in the freezing grey dawn for the usual hour or so before work before somebody at the head of the queue discovered what had happened and a wave of outrage swept the gathering. there were stable petrol prices," shouted one woman. "Was the milk ever sour under Brezhnev? Never."

"Reforms? Where are they?", said another customer, her face twisted in a permanent grimace which bore testimony to too many disappointments like this. What should she tell the politicians of

congress if she had the chance? She laughed harshly at the very idea. "I'd tell them to save their long arguments about reforms," she said. "Reforms mean you can have a big car if you're in the mafia Reforms mean hard-currency shops for a handful of people who have it. I'm a factory worker. I'll never have a big car or dollars, so reform for me will be when the milk isn't

This is the first in a series of articles by Anne McElvoy looking towards Tuesday's crucial meeting of the Congress of People's Deputies in Moscow

Canton tourist plane hits mountainside killing 141

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

were killed when a Chinese Boeing 737-300 crashed intoa mountain as it came in to land in the southwest tourist spot of Guilin yesterday. It is the worst reported accident in Chinese civil aviation history.

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The plane was on a one-hour flight from the southern city of Canton. Just minutes before the crash, witnesses saw it belch smoke before it hit a mountainside at Yangshuo, 16 miles outside Guilin, ac-cording to Xinhua, the official news agency. The pilot had been told by the control tower that he was descending too fast, but the cause of the crash

Li rebuffs Patten's proposals

By Jonathan Braude IN HONG KONG AND CATHERINE SAMPSON

LI PENG, the Chinese prime minister, has delivered Pe-king's highest-level public re-buff yet to Chris Patten, the Hong Kong governor, insist-ing that China will not compromise on its opposition to proposals for increased democracy in the colony.

"Any counter proposal or any compromise plan on the basis of the Hong Kong governor's plan is unaccept-able." Mr Li was quoted as telling visiting figures from Hong Kong who support Pe-king. The group included Lo Tak Shing, a businessman who has become one of Pe-king's most trusted advisers.

Hong Kong took Mr Li's latest pronouncement in its stride. After growing accustomed to a continuous barrage of Chinese attacks since Mr Patten announced his reforms last month, local politicians and academics saw Peking's latest salvo as no more than

they have come to expect. The harshest response to the prime minister's remarks came from Mike Hanson, Mr Patten's spokesman, who said they changed nothing. He said the governor's proposals would be put to the legislature early next year and repeated Mr Patten's challenge to China to come up with alternative solutions. If such proposals were not forthcoming, he said "we can't do much about it."

ALL 141 passengers and crew was not clear last night. The crash is especially embarrass-ing to the authorities, since it occurred on one of its most popular tourist routes.

Most of the 133 passengers on the China Southern Airlines plane were mainland Chinese, but there were nine from Taiwan, one from Macau, one from Canada and two from Spain. The agency reported that the search for the dead was still continuing ten hours after the crash. Luo Gan, the secretary-general of China's state council, flew to the site with Jiang Zhuping, president of China's civil aviation administration.

Ten years ago, in April 1982, Guilin was the scene of China's worst air crash until then when a Trident airliner came down in the mountains surrounding the city, killing all 112 people on board, including 57 foreigners. The jagged peaks around Guilin are often shrouded in mist, but officials said yesterday that the weather had been clear. An investigation team has been sent from Peking.

Despite a growing fleet of imported planes, a series of air crashes and hijacks in recent years have heightened concerns about the safety of Chinese aritimes. China's airlines,

In 1990, when a hijacking was handled hadly by aviation authorities, a Boeing 737 crash-landed at Canton airport, hitting two planes on the ground and killing 128

people. One hundred and six people were killed in July when a Russian-built Yak 42 airliner crashed on take-off from Nanjing in eastern China. Nine French tourists and five Chinese crew members were killed last month when another Russian-built plane, an Hyushin 14, crashed in Gansu province.

A Boeing official in Seattle in the United States confirmed last night that the aircraft was relatively new, delivered in May 1991.



Peking drops ideology to sell China by the inch

By Catherine Sampson

SEVERAL Chinese government departments have swallowed their Communist objections to private property and are planning to sell hundreds of thousands of one-inch square plots of China. They have been inspired by the money-spinning potential of a scheme to sell American land

to Chinese Hundreds have signed to buy minute plots in the United States in the hope that it will be their passport to a new life. For £420, representing 18 months' average earnings, each person gets a certificate to prove that they own one square inch of land in each of the 50 states.

Not to be outdone, the Chinese are going to sell oneinch plots at £47 each, making one square inch of Chinese land more than five times

square inch of American land. The certificate eagerly sought by Chinese and issued by the American company American Acres Corporation, states that "this deed has been issued for novelty pur-poses not as an investment". But what has tempted buyers is that in the small print the certificate grants the owner "rights of ingress and egress". They have been encouraged by the blurb that describes the land as "your first footstep in

"Many people ask us whether they can get a visa with this certificate. We do not make any promises," says Ju Danna Nor, manager of one company. However, do they tell the truth - which is that it does not improve your visa chances one bit.





Bar girls' tears flow as US Marines quit Philippines

By Abby Tan in manila and Our Foreign Staff

SCORES of bar girls wrapped themselves round servicemen boyfriends in tearful embraces yesterday as the US withdrew from Subic Bay naval base, ending nearly a century of military involvement in the Philippines.

"I'll be back. I am plannin to come back for her," said 21-year-old sailor Dorian Francis, his arms round a miniskirted Filipina.

On the USS Belleau Wood, a grey helicopter carrier, were the last 540 American servicemen to leave Washington's former colony after Filipino senators forced closure of all US bases. "I am going to miss you," yelled one Marine as the ship eased away. "I promise I'll come back," shouted another to the girls who helped by Olongapo city, next to the base, its reputation as one of the wildest navy towns in the Pacific. The women, some wearing skintight shorts, waved handkerchiefs wet with tears or turned away, saying they could not watch

The US star-spangled ban-

ner was lowered for the last the Pacific region. It was also time at Subic, and President Ramos helped raise a 20ft by 40ft Philippines flag - the biggest ever made in the country - up a huge flagstaff

that cost \$50.000. With the red, white and blue flag flapping in the wind, Mr Ramos declared his country free of foreign troops for the first time since Spanish occupation in 1571.

Mr Ramos pledged friend-ship with the US, which ruled the country from 1898 to 1946, but called for a review of the Mutual Defence Treaty and urged the US to stand by its obligation to help the 3,000 "throwaway kids" of Olongapo — Amerasian children fathered by generations of servicemen. The speeches over, the commander of the US forces

in the Philippines, Rear Admiral Tom Mercer and the commander of the US Pacific fleet, Admiral Robert Kelly, left by plane for Hawaii. it was the end of an era, the end of the world's mightiest

power's ability to project firepower effectively across

an end that came about when new-found nationalism resulted in the Philippines senate rejecting a new 10-year bases lease in September last year and giving the US one

year to quit. The future of Subic is both daunting and challenging for Richard Gordon, the youthful mayor of adjacent Olongapo, who has been given the responsibility of converting the base into an industrial zone and free port to rival

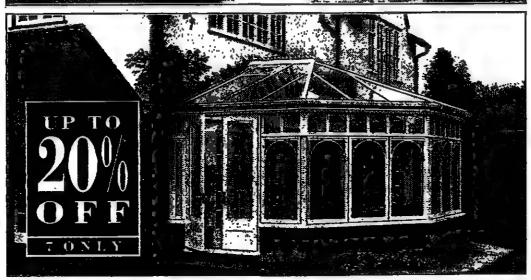
Singapore and Hong Kong.
Until then, Olongapo will
be quiet for a while. The
lights have dimmed in more than 1,000 bars. The 14,000 hostesses have dispersed. The city of fun has taken on a

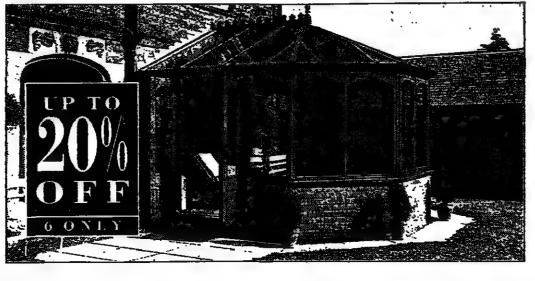
more serious, sombre mood. Thousands of Filipinos had watched as the US flag came down, some of them in tears. "All my life I have been with Americans, When I was born they were already here. My two brothers work for them. said teacher Cynthia Paguio, weeping. "It is like seeing your friend go and you will never see him again.

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A case for colour in court robes

A new collection of clothes for women

lawyers in a famous legal outfitters heralds a sea change in the attitude of courts to

advocates' dress, Rosie Millard reports

he question of what to wear at work should almost be an anachronism for the working woman in these emancipated days. Women enter board miniskins and emerald green jackets: in some cases, the higher the position, the more risque the outfit. Except for

the legal profession, that is. Female lawyers, particularly those appearing in court, have always seemed to have a harder job with their wardrobes than their male counterparts. Veronica Ramsden, an

Inner Temple barrister, says: "It is the only profession to demand a uniform and then not hand one out." Trousers are forbidden: sombre colours, which for all but the most confident of advocates means black, must always be worn in court. And any working woman who can pop out in the lunch hour and pick up a T-shirt at The Gap or a pair of ear-rings at Miss Selfridge, should have some pity for those stuck in the Inns and courts of the City. The place abounds with shops for men's suits, shirts and cufflinks:

ask for the fernale equivalent, and you will be directed to the Circle Line or shown the dazzling display of tights at the Moorgate

branch of Boots. Until today, that is, when the legal outfitters Ede & Ravenscroft launch their Ladies Collection. Ede & Ravenscroft, of Chancery Lane, London, who have been clothing male lawyers for generations, have realised that as far as court dressing goes, women are a force to be reckoned with; last year, women accounted for nearly 50 per cent of admissions to the Roll.

"I was terrified when I had to buy my first suit." Ms Ramsden says. You want to look like a non-person. You are so confused that you just wear what you are told to. You see it every year; as soon as the women go into pupilage, they get into dreadful sensible stuff from BhS. People are frightened to make statements about their personality." She feels that the new collection at Ede & Ravenscroft. whose name instantly adds a stamp of establishment approval, might dispel this problem. The suits are well put together, and you can just lift the whole thing off the peg and buy it," she says. "But the great thing is that it's near. The last thing you want is to have to go into the West End for

clothes after work." Gloria Williams, a buyer for Ede & Ravenscroft, feels the new collection might encourage female lawyers to start pushing for a more relaxed stance, "Women might become a bit more upfront, start wearing navy in court, and so on. If the trouser suit becomes a real fashion item, judges will stop associating them with jeans and realise they mean smart dressing." The collection includes silk

scarves, earrings, tights, and a range of wraps and mohair jumpers, presumably no attract women who don't work in court or lawyers who wander in looking for something to wear at the weekend. And instead of battling on through the night in the whole black and white court number, female barristers and solicitors can simply pick up one of the evening blouses in cotton of silk by former solicitor turned designer Madeleine Hamilton, and change, straight from work, from office white to a glamorous number in purple, coral or cream with pearl

buttons or silk frills. And for female begristers, hitherto faced with a choice of only a dark Aline skirt from BhS or its equivalent from Jaeger, the rows of mediumpriced, short jackets with gilt buttons and slim skirts from new, young British designers are a welcome introduction. Even the constant theme of black has been subtly evaded: Bella Freud's classic suit, including a walstcoat, two styles of skirt and a pair of matching trousers, is in chalk-grey with a faint pin-stripe.

It is a canny move; the thought of spending almost all your working hours dressed as if you were at a funeral has always been a fairly daunting prospect to many female lawyers: attempts at insurrection range from Baroness Mailalieu QC, nearly ten years ago, who tried to claim tax relief on her "dull and dowdy" clothes, to a trainee barrister this year who dared to wear something other than black to a pupilage (pre-Bar training) interview. "She's very bright, however," says Judith Butler, a fellow trainee. "You have to be pretty good to take that kind of



Judicious choice: Judith Butler models a skirt by Bella Freud and shirt by Madeleine Hamilton

Clearly, stepping out of line is something which few women at the Bar, particularly newcomers, attempt to do. "I once wore trousers to lunch, and I was told to go and change them, even though they were pretty smart," says Miss Butler, who owns one black suit. "I think all this constant wearing of black suits is a bit much, frankly. You have to wear them all the rime. For everything. Men just have to wear dark suits and can get away with coloured shirts and ties. It's a bit off."

It has to be said that Ede & Ravenscroft's more typical customers seemed slightly bemused by the relative importance of the new collection. "I don't want to express myself in my clothing," says John Deby, QC.
"A degree of sobriety in court is a good thing, don't you think? When one is working, one is working. Isn't one?" Anthony Scrivener QC, a former chairman of the Bar Council, "couldn't care less" what women wear in court, as long as it is the same as the men. "You should not be able to try to influence the judge by what vou wear. Your words are more important than what you look like. People are supposed to listen to what you have to say. We don't want to get like America, where advocates have turned up wearing green waistcoats

and pink shoes." A recent survey of barristers by the Criminal Bar Association found that the majority of both sexes were in favour of keeping their gowns rather than allowing "Armani advocacy". However, the new women's collec-

tion, with its gently draped shirts, elegant skirts and (heaven forbid) change in court apparel more weighty than anyone suspects. "I might freak everyone out and start wearing navy," Miss Butler says. "I don't want to draw too much attention to myself, as I will be represent-ing a client; but I think you could have more liberty with things like blouses, for instance. I would like to wear a wig and gown just once, have a photo, have my Mum in tears, and then get rid of it for ever."

Lean look for lean times

hen I met Corinne Day at a private view in the Fulham Road last week, she looked around wide eyed and said she wasn't quite sure what this was or why she was there. It's a feeling she's going to have to

What accounts for Ms Day's new-found popularity — sud-denly, she's being invited ev-erywhere — is that high-fashion society has just cottoned on to the fact that she is the photographer for The Face who, as far back as two years ago, discovered Kate Moss, the Croydon waif-

turned supermodel.

Ms Day looks like an ordinary girl that you might see out and about in Chelsea — if the year were 1972. She was wearing a black maxi coat, sailor's hipster belibottoms, black skinny-rib jumper, floppy cream shirt, her long wispy hair parted in the middle and that wan, naive look that is the speciality of young London girls these days - just as it

Her story is so emblematic of international fashion's periodic need for a young London blood transfusion, so full of echoes and unconscious poignancy that it began to make my hair stand on end.

Just back from a trip to New York - she had taken her granny along for the ride — Ms Day could scarcely believe what had happened. The call came — the call from US Vogue for which all fashion photographers wait and pray. Anna Wintour, the magazine's editor, sent a hig black limo to whisk her to Vogue headquarters. Granny came too, and made Ms Day take out her camera to snap her standing beside the car. The best thing", Ms Day said, "is my granty finally

The irony is that limos, transatiantic flights and designer drinks parties are not Ms Day's milieu: that is exactly her point. What makes her so right, so of the moment and so madly desirable to the fashion establishment — is the fact that she is the perfect recessionary photographer. One of the lines that tripped innocently out of her mouth was enough to make a fashion back stagger. "I think its beautiful not to have money," she said. "Not having money makes you use your imagination more."

One can see why this attitude might strike Anna Wintour - who last year shelled out an million for the services of the photographer Steven Meisel attraction of the new British cheapness doesn't explain everything. After half a decade of bloating itself on glitz, superstar models and grownup glamour, fashion has finally steeled itself to swallow the

antidote. For seasons, it has been



SARAH MOWER

looking around for something that tastes right. Then, righ on cue, along comes Kate. Moss, with her mousy hair and poor-girl clothes - looking so sweetly anti-everything. Bingot She reminds the babyboomer generation - now the oldies in power - of their own England, the birthplace of all. authentic youth movements. Hey, they start asking - are there any more like you at

Of course there are. Not just Corinne Day, but dozens, maybe hundreds, of pale, under-developed English girls who all dress in falling apart clothes that are the despair of their mothers. "We call i Tramp," Ms Day said. "The Americans call it Grunge, but we've been dressing like this — in holey jumpers and second intind clothes for

ven though her fateful New York trip coincidd ed with the showing of the US collections, in which her friend Kate starred, Ms Day chose not to attend. "I don't like fashion shows." she said in that dreamy, passive aggressive sort of way. "I'd rather be downin the second hand

How long Corinne Day will be able to keep up the noti me tangers thing about money and high fashion remains to be seen. For the moment, the fashion establishment does not mind, because it is taking the gamble that among her English peer group, Ms Day — who dislikes working with models and finds something beautiful" about girls who don't know how to pose - will grow a whole culture of little Mosses for international consumption.

You look at her, and get the oddest, optimistic sensation: of the better bits of our history repeating itself. Could this girl photographer turn out to be the David Bailey of her generation, in the vanguard of a whole movement of young British talent that will seize world attention and presage a revival in national confidence? Maybe. But you look ather, and start worrying,

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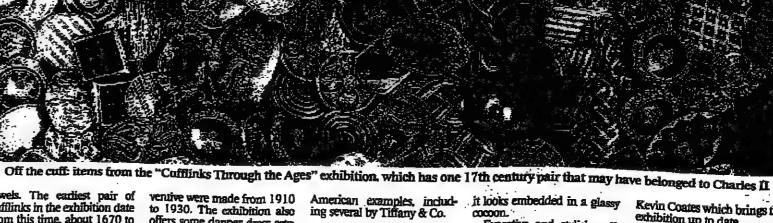
Bright lights at the end of the sleeve

Wrists are aglitter with the cufflink back in fashion — for men and women

I bere was a time in the late Renaissance when men wore most of the jewels: Henry VIII was so covered in them you could hardly see any fabric underneath. Jewels to him meant power and privilege. But ever has gone in and out of fashion. While women have been grab-bing all the limelight of late with flamboyant and confident jewels, the fickle tide of trends seems to be turning now, and men are starting to get more of an ornamental look-in.

As long as you are not going in for Grunge this winter, cufflinks for men and women seem to be the hottest jewels in town. You can view the whole gamut of cufflink design at an exhibition at Sandra Cronan (18 Burlington Arcade, London WI, December 2-24). The exhibition, which shows cufflinks from their virtual beginnings to the present day, is based on a superb private collection of about 160 pairs put together by a discerning collector over the last 20 years.

The story of cufflinks is still largely uncharted territory. It is most likely they were first worn in the late 17th century when men's clothes underwent a drastic change, initiated by Charles II. The doublet was replaced by a long waistcoat worn with a coat over it. Dress started to become simpler, and lace was eventually replaced at cuff and neck by



jewels. The earliest pair of cufflinks in the exhibition date from this time, about 1670 to 1700, and although we cannot be absolutely certain, they are possibly royal jewels and historically extremely valuable. Beneath a slice of faceted rock crystal is a gold monogram of crossed "C"s beneath a royal crown, suggesting the initials of Charles II and his Oueen, Catherine of Bragan-

za, whom he married in 1662. By the early 19th century the gentleman's rather rococo outfits had given way to functional simplicity. Jewels too were toned down and since then men's jewellery has remained mostly functional. It was not until the mid to late 19th century that the shirt and cuff took its present form and most of the cufflinks in the exhibition, and on the market in general, date from this time. The most appealing and inoffers some dapper dress sets. the superbly crafted glossy Edwardian or Art Deco sets of cufflinks and shirt studs for evening wear, first introduced with the dinner jacket in the 1880s.

Like tiepins, cufflinks offer an acceptably manly outlet for humour, fantasy or sheer love of decoration. They also make ideal presents, especially if chosen to reflect a hobby or passion, like chess or train spotting, drinking or

The versatility of goldwork is a strong theme in the exhibition - everything from the smoothest, plainest man gold slices to elaborately chased neo-Gothic dragons or classical Bacchic masks dripping with grapes. American tycoons being snappy dressers there are lots of decorative

namels gave cufflinks intense colour, from ruby red hearts to glossy bottle green ovals em-bedded with diamonds. Enamel was a favourite vehicle for Edwardian whimsy, like the pair in the form of playing cards, for the poker fanatic-Sporting and particularly horsey themes have been popular in men's jewellery since the 1860s. The craze for bijoux hippiques was originally a British obsession which caught on in France, particu-larly after the Grand Prix de Paris was run at Longchamps for the first time in 1857. The most intriguing sporting jew-els are the reverse unstal intaglios, made up of a minia-

ture painted scene carved into

the underside of a smooth

domed piece of rock crystal, so

Evocative and stylish cufflinks from the 1920s and 1930s reflect the time when the great jewel houses catered to the constant search for novelty and the frantic affluence of the modern man. Kaleidoscopes of colour were created by coloured stones or enamels, while the cool mid-1920s black and white vogue is handsomely reflected in platinum, onyx and diamond

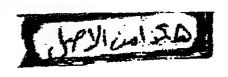
After the war cufflinks were worn less often, being largely reserved for formal occasions. Now after the bland stylism of the 1980s, jewels are becoming more personal, and cufflinks are becoming more decorative and elegant again. They can be a good way to dip into the work of artist-jeweliers, as is shown by the

magical, narrative work of

Kevin Coates which brings the exhibition up to date. Cobra and Bellamy sell oneoff pairs by goldsmith Barbara Bertagnolli, in silver and applied 24 carat gold, with a limitless choice of stones from fruity tourmalines to milky moonstones from about £340. as well as original 1930s gold plated and enamel examples at only £20. Irina Laski's Fanfare gold-plated silver cufflinks. can be found at Bruce Oldfield and Browns for £110 to £120.

Next January, Christian Lacroix, a man passionate about jewels, launches a range of men's cufflinks in typically opulent gilt metal, in his favourite themes plump and sculptured crosses, dynamicsunbursts and the Arlesian bull's head.

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Jeremy Laurance reports on a new foundation to rectify our lamentable ignorance of the human brain

That grey area inside the skull

how to look after know which warning signs to watch out for or what can be done when things go wrong. Yet the brain is the most delicate organ in the body and the one most prone to serious damage, despite its protective shell. Neurological disorders are the commonest cause of disability in Britain.

Ignorance about the brain is in striking contrast to the national alarm -

disease. While chest pain as a warning sign of a heart at-'Diseases of tack is almost unithe nervous versally familiar, few can recognise system are the tell-tale symptoms of a stroke the most the cause of one in ten of all deaths in common to Britain - and many do not even kill and know that it occurs in the head. maim'

A common misconception is that a stroke is a condition

of middle and old age. Some types of stroke target younger people. Sub-arachnoid haemorrhage, in which the arteries leading to the brain rupture, strikes 8,000 people a year, most of them between 30 and 60. Arteriovenous malformations, abnormalities of the blood vessels in the brain, are the commonest cause of spontaneous haemorrhage in children and suf-

ferers have an average age of 35.
Today a new charity, the British
Brain and Spine Foundation
(BBSF), is launched to highlight the disorders which can afflict the brain, and to raise funds for research. While campaigns on heart disease are as common as hot breakfasts, until a generation ago the brain had been neglected since the time of Hippocrates, when it was dismissed as an organ for producing phlegm.

Today surgeons using microscopes can operate deep within the brain and new techniques are being devised to treat damaged parts with X-rays that eliminate the need for surgery.

Neither the public nor many doctors are aware of these advances or of some of the most basic facts about the brain. Yet more than 100,000 Britons suffer strokes every year and one million attend casualty with head injuries, of whom 95 per cent are seen by general physicians with no special-

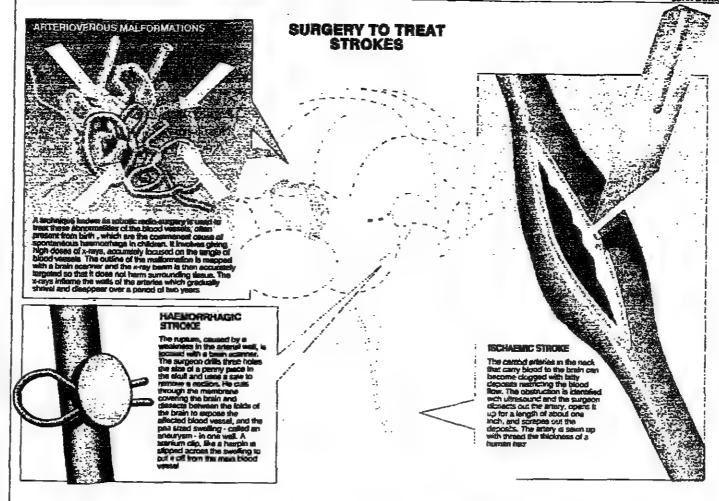
Of more than 16,000 hospital specialists in Britain, there are 170 neurologists and 110 neurosurgeons, a lower proportion per head of population and per hundred doctors than in any octors that in any

other industrialised country.
Peter Hamlyn, a consultant neurosurgeon at St Bar-tholomew's hospital in London, conceived the idea of an organisation on the lines of the respected British Heart Foundation to promote re-search on the brain. The youngest brain surgeon in the country when he

was appointed a consultant at St Bartholomew's three years ago at the age of 32, he has raised \$42,000 to prepare for today's launch of the BBSF, which has the backing of the Society of British Neurological Surgeons.

"Diseases of the nervous system are the most common to kill and maim," he says. "They are not rare, they are not confined to the elderly and there are treatments which are not dangerous and do not leave people as vegetables. Amazing advances have been made in recent years because the complexities of the nervous system are only now being unravelled."

One of the commonest disorders is a stroke, caused by a blockage or rupture of the blood vessels. Stroke affects up to one in five of our population and causes 68,000 deaths a year. Britain has the fifth highest stroke rate of the industrialised nations, yet the condition is preventable, like heart disease, through eating a healthy diet and taking exercise. High blood pressure is the main risk



factor but evidence from the United States, where the death rate has fallen every year since 1973, shows it can be successfully prevented.

Surgery for strokes is crude but growing in effectiveness. Where the damage is from a blockage — an infarctive stroke — surgeons can open up the carotid artery in the neck and scrop out the fatty deposits on the walls which cause it to narrow and make it more prone to blockages by blood clots.

The operation is now performed at St Bartholomew's only on pa-tients whose arteries are narrowed by at least 70 per cent and show warning signs of a stroke, such as transient tingling on one side of the body or loss of speech. It has been shown almost to halve the risk of a recurrence.

Sub-arachnoid haemorrhages (those underneath the arachnoid membrane, one of the membranes within the brain) can also now be treated in a complex operation that involves removing a large piece of the skull and opening up a passage-way deep within the folds of the brain to expose the affected blood vessel with a pea-sized swelling called an aneurysm - in one wall. The swelling is the result of a weakness in the wall which can be repaired by placing a clip across the

RECOGNISING THE WARNING SIGNS

ABOUT 25,000 people a year in Britain have minor strokes known as transient Ischaemic attacks. One in ten will go on to have a major stroke within a year and some may be prevented if the cause can be identified and the damage repaired. The main

Transient tingling on one side of the body

Loss of power in one limb or on one side of the body leading to Loss of speech or slurred speech. Some sufferers find they

cannot understand what other people are saying and use incorrect words themselves or begin talking unintelligible Faints or fits in a previously healthy adult

A "thunderclap" headache, described by sufferers as like

being hit on the back of the head with a hammer

swelling to isolate it from the main

For patients suffering from arteriovenous malformations (those of the arteries and veins) a technique is now available that can be performed remotely, eliminating the need for an operation, and is almost free of side effects. Known as robotic radio-surgery, it involves giving high doses of X-rays, accurately focused on the tangle of

blood vessels. The X-rays inflame the walls of the arteries which then gradually shrivel and disappear over a period of two years. Latest results show that the technique can cure two thirds of the smaller tangles (less than three centimetres across) without the need for surgery. The technique can also be used to treat brain tumours.

Drug treatment after a stroke has cut deaths from some complica-

tions by as much as 80 per cent and advances in surgical techniques could save thousands of lives if they were more widely available.

The biggest challenge is to replace the brain cells damaged by a head injury or stroke. Brain transplants using cells from the brains of foetuses have been tried in few patients suffering from Parkinson's disease but with unproven effects. Scientists at University College, London, are now developing techniques to transplant cells from other parts of the body to the brain, overcoming the problem of rejection.

Nerve cells taken from the intestines of rats and grown in tissue culture revert to their embryonic state. By the addition of growth factors, the embryonic material can then be made to develop into a different type of cell. For people with spinal injuries the technique has the potential to make new cells grow across the spinal cord. The research is still at an early stage and it will be years before it can be applied to patients. But the notion of growing a new brain is about to step out of the pages of H.G. Wells into the neurobiologist's lab.

Donations to the British Brain and

Surgery becomes safer

t least 1,300 people a year have benign brain tumours of the kind suffered by Julia Somerville, the ITN newsreader, who is to speak about her experience for the first time at the launch today of the British Brain and Spine

Thirty years ago surgery to remove the growth carried a 20 per cent risk of death. Today a combination of brain scanners, operating microscopes, special anaesthetics and lasers have made the surgery much safer.

The most common benign brain tumour is the meningioma a growth arising on the cover-ing of the brain. Meningiomas account for nearly 20 per cent of all brain tumours and they usually occur between the ages of 40 and 60. Women are affected more often than men.

Brain tumours are usually detected because the patient starts having his or experiences other, smaller neurological changes such as blurred vision, a progressive numbness or loss of speech. Over a period of weeks, patients may experience a gradual loss of muscular power in one part of their body or a personality change.

The growth of the tumour increases the pressure inside the brain which presses against the skull, causing headaches, lethargy, nausea and vomining. Often the headache caused by a tumour is present on waking and lasts longer each day as the tumour grows. Headaches are, however, exceedingly common, and brain tumours rare, affecting about one in 20,000 Britons. Doctors will usually be able to iden-tify those patients with tumours by close questioning but the matter can only finally be resolved by a

A new drug called Temozolomide has brought new hope for the 3,000 Britons a year who have malignant brain tumours (brain cancer). Although still undergoing clinical trials, its early promise is so great that it is now being prescribed on "compassionate" grounds to named patients for whom all other treatments have failed.

Among children, brain tumours are the commonest solid tumours. The safety of surgery has so improved that fewer than ! per cent of those operated on die or suffer additional damage.

ucy Holland was nine years old when she had a massive brain haemorrhage, or stroke. Her mother Di Reynolds, 44, who owns a beauty salon at New Milton, Hampshire, recalls how she was leading Lucy on her pony on the day it happened. "It came out of the blue. She had never had any eye problems or dizziness. One minute she was sitting on her pony and the next I looked round and she was crying, saying her head and eyes hurt. Her arms and legs were thrashing about in pain. I asked her father to take her straight to Lymington hospital and from there we were taken with a police escort to the neurosurgical unit at South-

She had an operation lasting four or five hours. It was the cells on the right side of her brain which were damaged. so her left side was completely paralysed. Afterwards she was in a coma and was tubed and wired up for weeks. When she did open her eyes it wasn't really Lucy. She went through an aggressive stage, which apparently is quite normal.

Lucy Holland is slowly

recovering her faculties

went at that particular moment; it could have happened in her sleep or when she was a baby. It was like a time bomb waiting to go off, and they are still trying to find out why it happened. "Although she has a bit of a limp, she

is walking and running again but needs to be nagged to use her left arm. She can't tell the difference between fabrics or hot and cold water with her left hand, but they say that might improve. She doesn't see anything coming from the left-hand side because the nerves in her eyes are permanently damaged. If she does a jigsaw, she will leave out the top left-hand corner and she stairs writing in the middle of a page. But she has picked up on her schooling. She passed her common entrance and she doesn't They were not able to tell us why it have any speech or memory problems.

"She did some psychological education tests recently and was fine at reading, writing and maths but was told she would probably have difficulty with maps, art and design although she has designed a Christmas card for the

"She still gets headaches and dizzy spells and has nightmares when she claws at her face, at the mask she had to wear after the operation. She also has to sleep in a cot with sides because she thrashes about so much. She's dying to get on her pony and has been on a leading rein but I don't think I could ever let her ride on her own.

"She was a very gentle, very quiet child, barely naughty enough to be called normal, an angelic little thing, and I didn't think she had a competitive bone in her body until we saw the way she was determined to walk to the loo. I think she has slightly less patience than she had before, but since she used to have more than her share I don't think it is noticeable to anyone else."

Interview by Heather Kirby

Quick diagnosis is the key

The story of Michael Watson, the boxer who suffered brain damage that has left him severely disabled, illustrates the importance of getting treatment in the critical first hour after a head injury if the damage is to be minimised. His direct injury was relatively trivial in his tide fight with Chris Eubank in September 1991. He was not even knocked out when the referee stopped the fight. Moments later he collapsed

with a blood clot on his brain. It was the secondary injury. the blood clos, that did the damage by cutting off the supply of oxygen to his brain. He was transferred to St Bartholomew's hospital in London where Peter Hamlyn performed emergency sur-gery. He spent three weeks in intensive care and was in a coma for a month. More than a year later he is still in the neuro-rehabilitation unit with continuing severe problems. While nobody is to blame and everyone involved did all they could, had it been possible to perform his operation sconer he may well have enjoyed complete recovery." Mr Hamlyn says.

Little can be done for head injury victims who are severely injured at the time of the blow. But many, like Watson, go on by swelling of the brain. Much arm was blown off, his skull

The first hour after a head injury is crucial for limiting any damage



Blum: "I was very sharp with words; now I grope for them"

more can now be done for victims of injury of this type. provided people recognise the warning signs - a headache accompanied by nausea and vomiting or loss of vision and act on them by seeking immediate medical help.

Jeffrey Blum, a 39-year-old ship broker, was a victim of the IRA bomb which blew up the Baltic Exchange in London to develop a serious secondary the day after the general election last April. His right



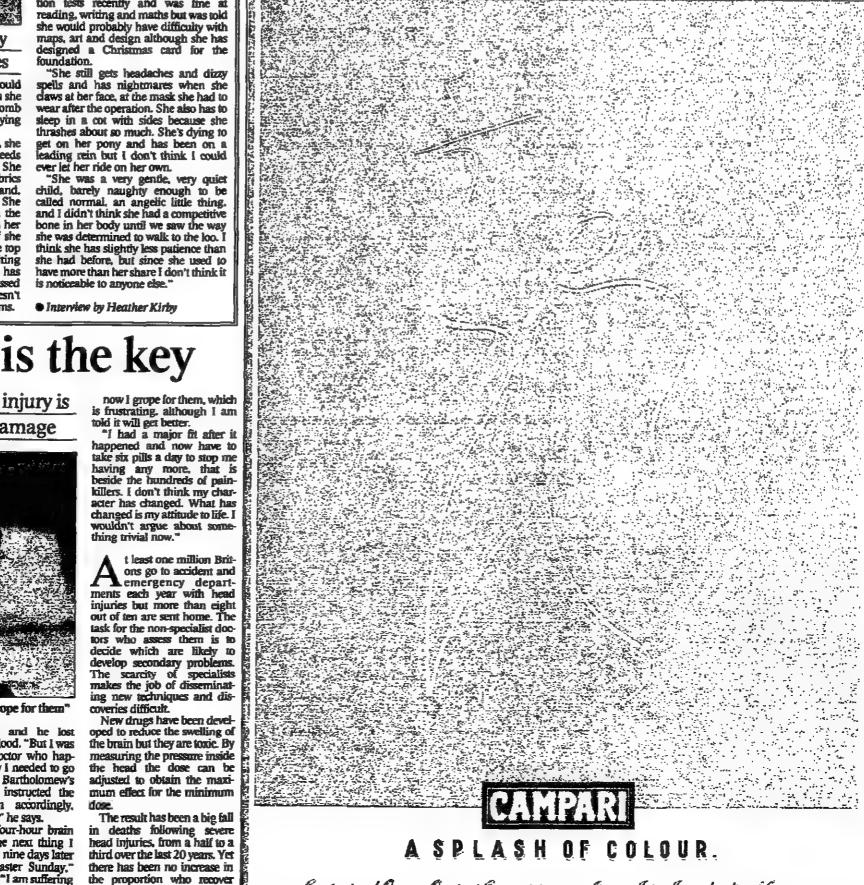
cracked open and he lost 7/8ths of his blood. "But I was found by a doctor who happened to know i needed to go to Bart's [St Bartholomew's hospital] and instructed the ambulancemen accordingly.

so I was lucky," he says. He had a four-hour brain operation. The next thing I remember was nine days later and it was Easter Sunday." Mr Blum says. "I am suffering from short-term memory loss. I was very sharp with words; state (10-15 per cent).

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The result has been a big fall in deaths following severe head injuries, from a half to a third over the last 20 years. Yet there has been no increase in the proportion who recover only to a persistent vegetative



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Any fool can bandy the word "excellence", and any bureaucrat can collect the licence fee

nternally the BBC is in the midst of an anxious, paranoiac phase of rare intensity even by the frantic standards of the broadcasting demi-monde. Staff fear for their jobs and their freedom. For months there has been talk of a John Birt "hidden agenda" which involves thousands more redundancies than those already announced and still more ruthless editorial control. And for years there has been the suspicion that the hardest free-market wing of the Tory party would have its way and the corporation would be abolished.

The worst of this paranoia has been selfinduced. The ham-fisted transfer of power from Michael Checkland to Mr Birt left the BBC leaderless and tongue-tied. Even long before that mess, nobody within the corporation seemed capable of formulating a serious defence of the institution against the right-wing threats of the Eighties. Mr Birt should not quickly be allowed to forget his own mumbled and anaemic response to Rupert Murdoch's attack on British broadcasting at the Edinburgh Television Festival. Finally, in its upper ranks, the BBC has been damagingly ambivalent even to beneficial change. When the first programmes from independent producers were being broadcast, it was routine to hear whispered bitching from executives in spite of the

fact that many shows were manifestly improved. The curious irony of this state of affairs is that, politically, the BBC is in its strongest position for at least a decade. The total abolitionists have lost. In part they have lost the intellectual case - the closer people have looked at broadcasting, the clearer it has become that the destruction of a 70year-old tradition would, now more than ever, be mere vandalism. But, perhaps more importantly. abolition has become politically unthinkable. The present Tories now want, above all, a quiet life and that can hardly be achieved through the turmoil of an almost certainly unpopular broadcasting revolution. A Thatcher handbagging is one thing, a Major muddle is quite another.

T esterday's green paper with its "on the one hand and on the other" style reflects this political change. A "great broadcasting debate" is being promoted, but few can now doubt that, in the end, the BBC will survive the process. Even the chippy, aggressive David Mellor was signalling that, and his successor, the emollient Peter Brooke, is hardly likely to prove more radical.

Far more important, however, will be the BBC's response, expected later this week. This response will not of itself be startling. It will cover familiar ground with loosely-defined terms like "excellence" and it will insist upon the need for an organisation, funded by a universal, nonprogressive tax, to deliver this excellence across the whole spectrum of broadcast taste. Good game shows will be as important as reliable news and grand opera; one sudience cannot be disenfranchised in favour of another. From this quality base the BBC will insist upon its role as the disseminator and defender of standards throughout the community of broadcasters keeping them all pure, as Michael Grade put it. But any fool can use the word "excellence" and any bureaucrat can collect a licence fee. The real problem with all such sentiments and iustifications is their credibility and the man whose credibility is at stake is John Birt.

His first test is internal. The demoralisation of the BBC staff over the last two years has been profound. Mr Birt has had much to do with this, although he can fairly claim that it has been the fault of the transition procedure rather than anything he has done. As director general-elect his hands have been tied for too long. Nevertheless, his image within the BBC is poor. His activities within news and current affairs have generated accusations of cronvism and, as well as the jobs worries, he is suspected of having a further "hidden agenda" that involves kowtowing a little too enthusiastically to government.

onvincing internal doubters, especially in view of the fact that there are bound to be further, perhaps massive redundancies to generate more bitterness, will be essential but difficult. Unless "excellence" and "standards" can be made to mean something to producers. cameramen and cleaning ladies, the institutional defence of the corporation will remain as hollow as it has for the last decade.

And this leads to John Birt's wider external problem: how to arrive at any consensus of what constitutes excellence. The quality defence in modern broadcasting terms is far more slippery than it was in the days of Lord Reith. Today, the ultimate virtue of art is, along with the absolute value of journalistic freedom, one of the most potent orthodoxies among broadcasters. It is one of the value systems that has replaced the strict ethical and religious foundation of Reith. It is, for example, quite obvious that Songs of Praise is now a more marginal product of the corporate culture than The Late Show. Similarly Panorama would be defended more ferociously from within than would Blue Peter. This has nothing to do with ratings and nothing to do with any provable conception of the public good. It has everything to do with the mandarin certainties of broadcasters and with the fragmentation of our culture.

Birt's task is to rise above all this and instil a generally acceptable conception of excellence that would convince the arty and the religious, the iournalists and the children that they were in safe hands, that this institution meant something. This is a colossal intellectual and management task made even more difficult by the fact that any such conception would have to be felt rather than defined. It might well be impossible, yet, as Browning would have said, the BBC's reach should exceed its grasp or what's a licence fee for?

Fifty years after the Beveridge report Peter Bayley recalls the complex creator of Britain's welfare state

A great man's human face who was at prep school

with William Beveridge. his friend's "sobriquet was 'goose'... I suppose for his long nose, down which tears sometimes dripped. He was a good deal teased at one time because he are marmalade with porridge, and it was early realised that he was unusual .. I became very fond of Will, who never showed me what of an alarming side he may have possessed. However, a view of the alarming side of Beveridge prevails -

and indeed more than alarming. Kingsley Martin wrote in the New Statesman and Nation of him as "a despot who resented criticism and could not tolerate opposition" and others have testified to ruthlessness and arrogance in achieving his ends, and to his riding roughshod over subordinates. But undergraduates of University College, Oxford, of which he was Master from 1937-1945 after his long period as director of LSE, found an unterly different person (though some of the fellows evidently did not).

I first met Beveridge when I was interviewed by him for a scholarship. The hair was con-

spicuously clean, a glossy white and broadcasting loose thatch, the blue eyes on the need for a extraordinarily penetrating and at the same time full of brightness and glee, the complexion remarkably high, the nose indeed a goose-like beak. He immediately engaged me in what I can only call a friendly conversation about the writer George Meredith, by whom at that time I was entranced, and so, it turned out, by happy chance, was the Master.

Sir William wrote to my mother that the college had had no hesitation in offering me the Sidgwick Exhibition and he went on: "your son Peter writes very well, but he doesn't know how to think," and he was writing to her and to my headmaster urging them to persuade me to read not English but philosophy, politics and economics: that would teach me

The year was 1940 - February or March. Beveridge was much involved in public matters, in speaking and writing

on the need for a attitude both to provide and sustain the war effort, and to prepare - already - for a juster and more equal society after victory. I still think it remarkable that he could yet be chairing interviews for scholarship and entrance to his college, and taking the

trouble to write not

one but two kindly letters to persuade a schoolhoy to follow his recommendation about the choice of subject. No doubt the Master was right about this advice, but I declined and no more was said. Until I went up to Univ in October 1940.

On the first weekend before term began, I was crossing the front quadrangle when the Master emerged from the Radcliffe quad; tweed suit rather fraved at the cuffs (as in the



Beveridge: despot or kindly teacher?

The Lodgings for music and have a little supper? There were college portrait of him), knees rather a dozen or so undergraduates there and a few dons and others, vering walk, smiland Beveridge welcomed us ing under the great and "my dear-ed" us: the playbeak and the white ing was thrilling, there were hair rather ragged sandwiches and coffee afterbelow the dark wards and later some of us brown trilby. He helped wash up. Beveridge loved parties and came to a stop and in his rather cack-

recreation as much as he loved ling voice said: work and conversation. He gave "Now don't tell me much hospitality in The Lodgwho you are. Don't ings, and there was always tell me. I will tell gustn and gaiety and some teacher? you who you are.
You are...you
are... (he was fighting to
retrieve the information) you're I saw a lot of him after his

retirement in 1954. I had come to love the now benign Bever-Peter Charles Bayley, and you idge. He retained a sort of are the Sidgwick Exhibitioner from the Crypt School, boyishness and excitement, and his charm and tact could be Gloucester . . . and you are a very consummate. One day I had a obstinate fellow." Chuckles of fairly recent former pupil of triumph, almost like goosegobbling. "A very obstinate fellow. Well, now, my dear boy, mine down for the day and took him into the common-room for lunch. Beveridge was already we are having some music in there, on his own. I took up my guest, the young V.S. Naipaul, not then very well-known and The Lodgings tomorrow night. Adila Fachiri is coming to play for us. Will you come across to

perhaps a little overswed at the encounter, and introduced them. "My dear boy, how exceedingly nice to meet your for any number of reasons, but chiefly of course because I'm an Indian too. ... No, dammit, I'm not I'm a Pakistani — I was born in Rangpur." And we were off, Vidia completely captivated into confidence. A final memory. Now very old

and painfully lame, he lent on my arm as I helped him back to his flat after I had taken him into college to dine, as I did from time to time. It was a clear frosty night. He stopped outside the house, looked up at the night, clutched my arm more firmly and said: "My dear," (he was the last man I knew of the generation which could say "my dear" naturally to friends) "I have enjoyed myself so much. I cannot tell you what a pleasure it is to be back in the DOC" (a domestic Univ jocular appellation: "dear old coll"). "Oh dear," he paused and breathed in and out heavily. "Oh dear, I really haven't been human enough. must try to be more human.

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Playing at soldiers in Bosnia

British lives are being put at risk by a cynical peace-keeping

operation

woman screaming over her children as she is evacuated from a Bosnian village. Her husband must stay to fight for their home. The scene is heartrending and the camera duly lingers on her tears. Nor is this just the familiar pornography of grief. The reporter wants to make us angry: "When, these people are asking, will something be done?"

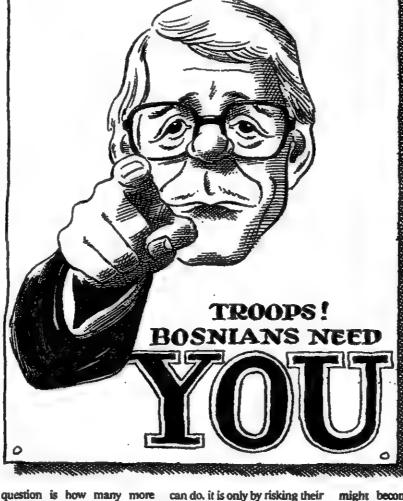
The second image is the

SIMON JENKINS

answer: British soldiers struggling to get an armoured car out of the Bosnian mud. This time the reporter is laconic. The Scimitar is useless for protection but is a symbol of Britain's "commitment". A few tons of for a few more days of Serb siege. The snipers understandably view this as hostile. Sooner or later a soldier will get killed.

What conceivable British interest will be served by his death? No peace is being kept, no lives really saved. The only conclusion is cynical, that the second image is meant to allay the discomfort induced by the first. Whatever grief is accessible to a television camera, in Beirut or Kurdistan or Sarajevo, it must be accessible to British proops. Britain refuses to help the two million Yugoslav refugees. It must therefore do something promotable. Soldiers in action are politically glamorous. Immigrants are politically grim.

The British and UN operation in Bosnia is, as The Times correspondent reported on Monday, "doomed to failure". We are at the tail-end of a nasty civil war which the Serbs have all but won. The remaining Muslim settlements cover less than 30 per cent of the country and are sustained only by smuggled arms and the hope of outside intervention. The awful



can do, it is only by risking their lives. And whether or not they risk their lives, they are more likely to do harm.

In Bosnia, by seeking to implied on Monday that he might join an intervention force sustain the losing side, however just its cause, interventionists to "save" Sarajevo: threatening a blood-soaked denouement for merely prolong the agony. The that once charming city. first UN commander, General Yet ever more intervention is Lewis MacKenzie, used to cry. what intensive media coverage God protect us from ceaseinvites. The New York Times, fires!" as he watched each one bible of armchair interventionraise the intensity of the fighting. By stripping moderate Serbs of credibility while giving ism. last week called for an escalation of the war in terms worthy of Randolph Hearst. It the Bosnians hope and time to accused Europe of "cravenly rearm, ceasefires killed people. shrinking from armed interven-

Another television war is now exerting its dreadful magnetism, sucking in "concern" and money and arms and fatalities. aggravating every grievance, externalising every atrocity. What Serbs and Bosnians and Croats are doing to each other is horrible. When they have the temerity to do it in our drawing rooms, we regard it as our business. Boutros Boutros Ghali was right to fear that Bosnia might become a rich man's cause, from which the UN should keep aloof. He knew the attractive power of white grief.

So the saloon bar questions roll, to which only realpolitik can give an honest answer. Surely we cannot stand idly by? Why not? We are standing idle in Armenia, in Somalia, in Sudan, in Burma? Sure, we can take in refugees, or subcontract our humanitarian responses to aid agencies, as we did in Ethiopia. But that lacks the voter appeal of troops on the

But this is "Europe's back-yard"? Only if we define it as such. Even those in backyards must sometimes sort out their own troubles. Serbia most needs a more moderate leadership if the war is not to spread. Peace in Bosnia must be a prerequisite for that moderation, even the awful peace of deserted villages. The longer the war, the greater the danger of infectious anarchy

Why not step up sanctions and bring down Milosevic? No stupidity is greater than a belief in the power of economic sanctions to topple governments. They do the opposite ask Castro. Gadaffi, Saddam, or for that matter Brezhnev, Vorster, Deng. A siege economy may

WE DON'T NEED

impoverish the poor and inconvenience the middle classes but it entrenches those in power. especially authoritarians. The spectacle of frigates steaming up and down the Adriatic makes the world feel better. It will not undermine Milosevic. But surely we cannot shut our

yes to Nazi-style atrocities? Neither side has a monopoly on atrocity in Yugoslavia. Civil wars are always thus. The question is can we stop it and the answer is no: not saturation bombing by The New York Times or surgical strikes by Margaret Thatcher. This is not nation against nation but village against village, war at its most intransigent. The West

cannot conceivably sponsor a swift Serb victory, but at least it should not recklessly raise the hopes of those about to lose. There will be time aplenty to damn the damnable when the killing has stopped.

What of Britain's obligation to the United Nations and the EC effort? What of it indeed? The obligation is to relieve suffering, not avert a Bosnian defeat. All ten countries with troops in Bosnia are heading for the same fall the allies suffered in Lebanon in 1983. Europe's challenge is to grapple with its greatest post-war exodus. Britain's response? Germany 235,000 refugees, Britain 4,000. Sending soldiers to wallow in the Bosnian mud is no

RUMWET. Yugoslavia has not found a peaceful path from communist bondage. It is even more wretched to face a future as a proxy killing ground for the moralists of the new world

Summit city summed up

JOHN MAJOR'S travelling circus, which is doing the rounds of European capitals in an attempt to salvage next month's Edinburgh summit, will be dismayed to learn that its efforts are being sabotaged by its own Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, Tory

MP for Perth and Kinross, has launched a devastating attack on the host city in the book which is supposed to laud Edinburgh's virtues. Edinburgh - A Celebration has been funded by Scottish councils as part of their contribution to the summit and copies will be given to each of the delegates.

They will no doubt be fascinated by Sir Nicholas's views, which contrast starkly with those of the other contributors: There are constellations of little planetary cliques - the university with its oriose staff club, the financial institutions, secret. grey and incestuous, the lawvers, the accountants, the galleries, the Kirk, host to the annual hypocrisy of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. more concerned with the sins of South Africa than the sins of Scotland, of which the greatest in Edinburgh is the lack of fun or a sense of fun." he writes.

Bosnians must die before the

reality of their plight is driven

home? Turkey's prime minister

tion". The gallant Bosnians were aroused. Sanctions were

not enough. We must go to

war...or...er... somebody

Seeking to relieve the suffer-

ing of a foreign civil conflict is one thing. Sending soldiers to

help one side or another, under

whatever auspices or whatever

rules of engagement, is mad-

ness. If there is any good they

must go to war.

No one is spared in the tirade: The professional classes in the city have deep frozen the capital's creative spirit. They have turned the city into a hive of the half-high. half-haughty." The meetings of the city's great and good are self-nighteous. "Those tho attend their functions think it is grand to anend and those they attend upon think they are even grander," the polemic

The best is reserved for the end. "Edinburgh is black in its profile, and grey in its population. It is difficult to see in the age of the classless society how Edinburgh can relieve itself of the grey pallor of its nature."

Norman Irons, the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, is relaxed about Fairbairn's outburst. "I suspect if Nicky Fairbairn had been asked to write a profile of Glasgow he would have written the same." he says. "His only purpose is to be provocative and outrageous.

"Of course it's not a fair profile of Edinburgh but when did Nicky ever try to be fair? I suspect the reason he has written it is because he's never invited to our gatherings of the great and good."



the Windsor Castle fire: yesterday the green paper on the future of the BBC. Could this be Peter Brooke's busiest week since the Lord's Test Match last year? The heritage secretary's office is not saying. One of the few benefits of having held the Northern Ireland brief is a forward diary protected from the preving eyes of the press, a privilege his predecessor would no doubt have envied during his last weeks in office.

Single-minded

LORD Henry Mountcharles, the rock-loving owner of Slane Castle in co. Meath, has unwittingly found himself at the centre of a typically Irish row. Mountcharles, who is running as a Fine Gael candidate in co. Louth in today's election has been accused by a former member of the Dail of being "a symbol and appendage representative of British imperialism,

Government establishment". Councillor Bernard Markey. who decided not to run in Louth this year, also claims there is a basic incompatibility in being an Irish TD as well as a member of the British aristocracy. The comments have done in-

tle to blunt the stoic owner of Slane, however, Mountcharles says elections are about winning seats. "I am not a peer, my father is." he retorts. "But I do intend to take up my seat in the Lords for one simple reason. I want to see Seliafield closed."

The burden of Channel 4's Dispatches programme, which tonight questions the propriety of Mark Thatcher's business dealings when his mother was prime minister, is unlikely to

Mark's short-lived career as a fashion model in the Far East and his spell advertising Scotch whisky on Japanese television.

worry Baroness Thatcher. What

may concern her more are the

extraordinary clips which show

Odd odds SHOULD Fatherland, Robert

Harris's thriller, win the coveted £20,000 Sunday Express Book of the Year award tonight, there will be some long faces at William Hill, the bookmakers. Such has been the overwhelming support for the book that William Hill closed the betting a fortnight ago. Although there are six finalists, 95 per cent of the bets placed have been on Fatherland and the odds have dropped from 4 to 1 against to 1 to 2 on, the shortest odds ever offered for any book

Graham Sharpe, spokesman for the bookmakers, says: "If it wins we will have to pay out a five-figure sum. We would not dream of suggesting there is anything fishy going on but it is very odď."

Merry Mellor

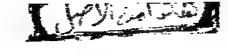
GOOD to see that despite a trying year David Mellor does not lack Christmas cheer. The for-

the dubious honour of being the MP with the longest Christmas card list, having ordered 3,000 cards from the Commons fees office. Second in the card league

mer heritage secretary has won



is Sir Rhodes Boyson, Tory MP for Brent North, with an order of 1,600. He narrowly beats Gyles Brandreth, Tory MP for Chester and former world scrabble champion; he is sending 1,500 of the cards, which depict the Adoration of the Shepherds by E.W. Tristram. But Mellor will have to pay the £540 price of his seasonal good will. MPs do not pay postage on letters posted at the House of Commons but the exception is Christmas cards.



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YEAR OF FEARS

Time will soften even the pain of royal 1992

Because the principal speaker had a sore throat, the speeches came before lunch at Guildhall yesterday. The break in protocol was both an advantage to the Queen, who had been invited to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of her accession, and to her audience who had more than the usual amount of time to digest what she had to say.

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She left much to ponder upon. This year had not been one of "undiluted pleasure", she said. In words made more poignant by weakness of voice, she called for compassion, understanding and moderation from those who would criticise her family. She made no direct reference to The Daily Mirror's photographs of the Duchess of York or to the marital problems of the Prince and Princess of Wales. She did not need to. She did refer to the "tragic fire at Windsor": but, while Dryden described the year of London's great ifire as an annus mirabilis, 1992, she said, would go down as "annus horribilis" for her.

Fires themselves are of little account here. The argument about who pays for the repairs is a squalid and miserable business which should soon be settled and allowed to die. What matters is the national sense that something is wrong with the state of the royal family, that, while the monarch remains high in her subjects esteem, the rest of "the firm" is variously at fault and failing to live and work as it should.

The Queen did not deny that there might be problems at the palace. Serious questioning "could and should" act as an "effective engine for change", she said. She spoke wistfully of how the City of London, to whose

assembled dignitaries she was speaking, had both managed change and ensured stability. That has been the Queen's great achievement for the monarchy over her 40 years on the throne. It has been put at risk in 1992; her request now is that the royal family's critics - "those whose task it is in life to offer instant opinions on all things great and small" - should be less harsh, more humane, humorous and understanding.

It was a brave speech, which deserves to be heeded by those at whom it was aimed. To describe an "annus horribilis" is strong language. It is easy to say that her year has been less fearful than that for many people in Britain, even less problematic than that of the prime minister who sat by her side. But it has certainly been unpleasant.

She did not call directly for reform of press behaviour - still less for privacy laws or other prior restraints. She asked for "moderation in all things", a request that a monarch may reasonably make to family, friends and subjects alike. Although the slogan may achieve no more than it did when first inscribed over Apollo's temple at Delphi (strong men and women may approve the notion in general but apply it only selectively) the call was worth making. Public interest about royal marriages cannot last for ever. Even a short period of calm might cool tempers and passions. In later Latin the word "horribilis" lost its sting. becoming more like our "amazing" or "tremendous". So too, we hope, will 1992 seem less hurtful when lunch is served for Her Majesty's fiftieth year.

PUBLIC SERVICE

The way forward for the BBC is quality not quantity

The proposition that the BBC must be preserved as "a major public service provided the process meets to two con-broadcasting organisation" would have ditions. First and foremost, the BBC must provoked intense controversy in the government and among free-market think tanks a few years ago. But yesterday, Peter Brooke, the Heritage Secretary, could quietly assert that role for the BBC in his green paper on the future of broadcasting - and be right to

Free markets in broadcasting are approaching. But they are still in their infancy. They must be encouraged and developed, taking full advantage of technology to expand consumer choice. But it will be many years, if not decades; before preliferating channels and pay-per-view programmes allow consumers to control broadcasting through market forces, in the same way as they control newspaper, magazine and book publishing today.

Viewers will doubtless welcome more broadcasting choice over the next decade, but they will be also concerned about preserving and enhancing the quality of programmes they already enjoy. The BBC may still contain large pockets of inefficiency and it may suffer from many lapses of quality, judgment and taste. But it remains the best all-round broadcasting organisation in the world. It is the most important player in one of the few sectors of economic activity where Britain can justly claim an inter-

national lead. The government has already condemned the BBC to contraction or decline. The present licence fee formula uprates the annual fee by less than the rise in retail prices. Since the cost of making programmes increases with wages, which tend to rise faster than prices, a formula keeping the BBC's income below the RPI, means steady reduction in either the quantity or the

quality of the BBC's output. In principle, there is nothing wrong with a steady erosion of the BBC's market share. when it is allocating increasingly scarce resources and looking for economies. The essence of the BBC's public-service mission, and the main justification for its licence fee, is that it must provide programmes of a high quality and a range that may not be available from commercial broadcasters. But secondly, the universal nature of the licence fee also implies some pressure on the BBC to offer programmes with universal

These two conditions are difficult, but not impossible to reconcile. The BBC must offer viewers and listeners a broad array of programmes that will include something for everyone. But, unlike its commercial competitors, the BBC does not have to worry whether its programmes and services, will each individually have mass appeal.

The BBC will have a prime responsibility for supporting high culture and serving minority tastes, at least until pay per view television becomes more widespread. But, even in financially restricted circumstances, it can do far more than this. Commercial channels will leave many opportunities for popular broadcasting wide open because they are too costly, innovative or of uncertain

The BBC has slackened its imperialist ambitions since the days when to criticise its behaviour in any way was to risk being dubbed a barbarian. The response by the BBC to the Green Paper should show a recognition of that change. The BBC must be able in future to experiment, innovate and stretch the boundaries of broadcasting. Provided all viewers can regularly find something to stimulate and please them in the BBC spectrum, the licence fee will be money well spent.

IRISH REJIG

The Dublin election looks set to solve nothing

Today's election in the Republic of Ireland is a muddle born of miscalculation. It promises little more than a different coalition, hampered by the same sorts of tension that toppled the nervous alliance between Fianna Fail's Albert Reynolds and a handful of Progressive Democrats.

At a time when they desperately need a strong, clear agenda for economic reconstruction, Irish voters - also considering a tormous referendum on abortion must now choose which compromise they dislike least. It is a bad day for the country.

In spite of Mother Teresa's extraordinary pro-life intervention yesterday, the economy remains the headline issue in a country struggling to achieve credibility in the European Community. Already burdened by 20 per cent unemployment, Ireland has suffered grievously in the aftermath of Black Wednesday, which added 20 per cent to the cost of exports to Britain and forced interest rates up by 3 per cent. The punt held its own in the central band of the exchange-rate mechanism during the currency tremors of the weekend, but only just; devaluation may well be the first act of the new or re-elected taoiseach, as mortgage payers angrily resist

a further rise in the cost of borrowing. The parties' desperate response has been to promise to break open a non-existent piggy-bank. Their promises of bonanzas-tocome illustrate the uninspiring character of an election which, in practice, has degenerated into a vote on personality rather than

Saddled with the "Albert factor", his party is unlikely to capture its first absolute majority in the 166-seat Dail since 1977. Mr Reynolds is hardly an ideal architect of future power-sharing pacts, having foolishly forced a snap election by accusing his PD coalition partner, Desmond O'Malley, of dishonesty. Fresh leadership would certainly be needed for a Fianna Fail pact with Dick Spring's Labour Party, the success story of the campaign and probable power broker, or John Bruton's Fine Gael By holding the referendum on the same day, the taoiseach has also allowed the profoundly nuanced issue of abortion to become entangled with his own electoral fortunes: a decision he may rue tomorrow morning. Ireland needs a legislative rather than constitutional solution - and cannier political management.

In the midst of this confusion, the emergence of a reconstructed Labour Party in the campaign has been hailed as the dawn of a new left-right alignment in a political culture deadened by the 70-year-old divisions of the civil war. Yet a likely outcome of today's vote is a pact between Labour and Fine Gael, a shotgun marriage of social democrat and Thatcherite principles which seems likely to end in messy divorce. The nature of the new alignment, if it exists, will quickly be blurred by compromise.

On balance, the inclusion of Fine Gael in the new government seems desirable, given its conciliatory approach to Anglo-Irish relations and more prudent economic policy. But it is surely absurd that Mr Bruton, who has presided over a broad decline in his party's popularity, may be swept to the premiership by the quirks of the Irish electoral system: a lesson to those on this side of the Irish sea who dream of proportional representation.

From the Rural Dean of Hartismere

Sir, It is encouraging to read (report, November 21) of the Bishop of London's efforts on behalf of the many Anglicans who now feel anxiety, distress and hurt by the decision of the General Synod on the issue of women priests; but all this proposed activity seems to me to be aimed at

feel equally arxious, distressed and hurt, but who do not belong to that tradition, and for whom talk about alternative episcopal oversight and defecting to Rome is alien? Are there not traditionalist evangelicals who are

Must I go on paying the price of being associated with a wing of the Church which has largely abandoned its orthodox heritage?

Yours faithfully, DAVID G. WOODWARDS, The Rectory, Thorndon, Eye, Suffolk.

doing we should be accepting the dogma of the infallibility of the Pope, and the immaculate conception and bodily assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - doctrines which, as faithful Anglicans, we believe to be contrary to scripture and tradition. Where is the logic?

Yours faithfully. JOSEPH ROBINSON. Master's House, Temple, EC4.

From the Roman Catholic Bishop

Sir. Discussions of the ordination of much more sharply focused under-standing of the ordained priesthood.

In this regard it is meaningless for Ruth Gledhill to state ("RC women organise ordination campaign", report, November 20) that "some priests allow women to administer the sacrament". Women have for some time been distributing Holy Communion and indeed may lead a Holy Communion service in the absence of a priest. This should not be confused with the

The effective promotion of genuine cooperation and shared responsibility Church in England and Wales. The responsibility and gift (charism) given by Christ to the college of bishops, in union with the Bishop of Rome, to preserve the integrity of the Catholic tradition. This is significantly dif-Church of England

Yours sincerely VINCENT NICHOLS. Westminster House. Watford Way, Hendon, NW4.

the Reverend David Hutt

clergy who represent the diocese of London on the General Synod called a meeting for December 3 to plan for immediate action to prevent implementation of the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure.
As incumbents of two churches

unmistakably and creatively repre-sentative of the catholic movement of the Church of England we affirm our support of the legislation. As Anglican Catholics we pledge our support of the Bishop of London and the other diocesan bishops in their call to us and all our fellow Anglicans for time, space, reflection and prayerful discussion.

Yours faithfully, JOHN GASKELL (Vicar, St Alban's, Holborn), DAVID HUTT

Church and universe

Sir, Mr Nicolas Walter (letter, November 13) refers to the proposal by the Astronomer Royal for the Church of England to set up a forum for discussing questions of joint scientific and religious interest.

After writing that "there may be reason to believe that this would be good for religion". Mr Walter asks but is there any reason to believe that it would be good for science?"

The question is fair. As scientists must allow, there is one - apparently only one - way to find an answer. That is to try the experiment.

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Synod decision Public policy and tax turnaround and Catholic wing

From Mr Arthur Seldon Sir. Peter Riddell's judgment (The

great tax turnaround*, November 16) that "taxpayers will not finance a continually growing public sector" emphasises the fundamental truth of "democratic" politics that government trails far behind underlying public senument. The solution requires not one new approach to public policy helping the members of the Church's Catholic wing. (financing) but the three which economists mustered by the Institute of Economic Affairs over 30 years, from Are there not others, like me, who

as devastated by the synod's vote as our more Catholic brethren?

There seems to be no society, no organisation, no structure which will speak for me, which will aid me in my hour of need, which can assure me that I am not alone, and which can suggest a way forward through the slough of despond into which I sink more and more as the days go by.

From the Master of the Temple

Sir, Bishop Leonard invites Anglican traditionalists to seek communion, as uniates or whatever, with the see of Peter, and to accept the magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church. In so

women to the priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church take place in a context significantly different to that of the General Synod. There is a

priest's proper role in that celebration.

between clergy and laity is a major item on the agenda of the Catholic pattern of ultimate decision-taking in doctrinal matters focuses on the ferent to the pattern adopted by the

From Prebendary John Gaskell and

Sir. On November 17 five of the 11

(Vicar, All Saints, Margaret Street) All Saints Vicarage, Margaret Street, W1.

Sitting pretty?

From Mr Dennis Walker From Str William McCrea, FRS

16; also. November 17, 18, 20, 23) asks what should be the contents of the Woolsack. May I suggest, in deference to current trends, that this be resolved by sponsorship. The resulting seat might not be comfortable, but the accompanying logos would certainly brighten up the chamber.

DENNIS WALKER 10 Jasper Road, Oakham, Leicestershire. November 17.

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It is easy to advocate these remedies

Today it is not so much the politicians as the political process which has for 100 long dominated too much of our lives. But the politicians have neglected the solutions and created our present discontents.

showed much interest

long before Conservatives in govern-ment and Fabians out of government

in 1992. IEA economists have been evolving them since the late 1950s without fear of timid politicians or ideological ridicule Yours sincerely

ARTHUR SELDON (Founder President. Institute of Economic Affairs), The Thatched Cottage, Godden Green, Near Sevenoaks, Kent. November 24.

From Mr.M. H. Williams

Sir. Peter Riddell states that "the Treasury ... will do everything pos-sible to avoid a rise in income tax". He goes on to list more radical ways of reining back public-sector expenditure, including moving from flatrate to targeted pensions.

This item seems to be increasingly included in "radical" solutions. But pensioners have paid for their state and other occupational pensions during their working lives, when generally tax rates were higher than now, The present precarious state of the

economy has been reached after some years of a policy to reduce direct taxation and increase indirect taxation. Perhaps it is time to review this strategy to ascertain whether it is the most cost-effective and equitable way of raising public finance.

Yours faithfully, M. H. WILLIAMS The main methods of paying for (Chairman, Economics Committee), Council of Managerial and Hayes Court, West Common Road,

Time to support royal family

From Father John Armitage

Sir. Over the past months we have seen growing attention in the media to the royal family. Much of this attention has been of a very negative and often openly hostile nature. There is little doubt, in my mind, of the hurt that has been done to the Queen and to various members of the royal

It would be a very strange family that did not experience problems, given the confused nature of today's society. The royal family is not isolated from this; their pain is as real and distressing as any. The constant rubbing of salt in the wound by the media is a national disgrace.

I do not doubt that the monarchy, like all institutions, has to develop and change. There are legitimate areas of interest and possibly concern, but when people are judged simply by financial considerations, when a family under great pressure is judged by gossip and innuendo, when a marriage is placed under such a fine microscope that nothing is missed, when even a great loss like the fire at Windsor is used as another stick to beat an already bruised group, where is our compassion?

Where is our loyalty to an institution that has served our country well, where is our loyalty to the Queen who dedicated herself to the service of our people 40 years ago this year?

I suspect that the current interest in the present problems of the royal family says more about the confused values and double standards of the media and our society in general than about a much loved group of people who deserve better than they are receiving at present at the hands of the British people.

Yours faithfully, JOHN ARMITAGE, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road. Brentwood, Essex.

Private sector and pay restraint

From Mr Roger Dean

Sir. After around two or three years of recession the Conservative government only now thinks of cautioning the private sector with regard to pay restraints. This appeared in the press first about two weeks ago and the prime minister mentioned it publicly for the first time at the Lord Mayor's banquet on November 16.

young unknowns to Nobel laureates,

and size of the "public" (more ac-

curately government) sector. Most

"public" services do not have to be run

by government: unlike defence or law and order, they do not have to be

The tragedy is that government will not withdraw when the circumstances

that may once have required tax-

financed services have passed into history. Poverty was once the excuse for state welfare services; most could

now be supplied with wide choices for

means of discovering genuine public opinion on which services should be

run by government and which left to the market. The political process of voting at elections does not discover

preferences between government and

market supply, since it conceals the

individual tax costs of "free" govern-ment services which the voter requires

to compare with the market prices of

Third, the best method of financing

overnment services, now taking not

ir short of one half of national

income, could reduce the tax propor-

universal "free" government services

that do not have to be financed by

taxes -- various forms of charging and

selective benefits - were explained

tion of it to about one fifth.

Second, we have not refined the

people with lower incomes.

First, we must rethink the nature

have patiently analysed.

financed by taxes.

private services.

My recollection is that the private sector identified the recession many months before the government were prepared to admit that one even existed. The private sector has been tightening its belt for some years now. My own profession, surveying, has been decimated by the recession, admittedly after a few very good years. government to curb pay rises.

Such policy has been a matter of course for a considerable period now and indeed cost-cutting exercises have even included reductions in salaries and wages, quite apart from widespread redundancies and other restraint on expenditure. Well publicised high boardroom salaries do not

apply to most of the private sector.
It could be better for us all if government and the public sector took a leaf out of the private sector's book in terms of spotting trends and taking

Yours faithfully. ROGER DEAN, Field End House, Bendish, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Keith Chamberlain

Sir. "Our leader" appears to be basing his recovery on hope, as is the Chancellor of the Exchequer (report and leading article, November 17): hope that he can control public-sector pay, that the private sector will follow

that wonderful example and hope that the banks will pass on the savings to small businesses

As one small businessman, largely dependent on the services of the banking sector, I see no reason to find

such hope justified.

I wonder whether our leaders are aware of what is going on in the real world? I hope so, I also hope that they will soon start to lead, and not continue to live in hope for tomorrow.

Yours faithfully, KEITH CHAMBERLAIN, Chamberlain House, West Street, Mariow, Buckinghamshire.

From the President of the Association of Magisterial Officers

Sir. The Chancellor, in his Autumn Statement, once again seems to regard the use by central government of public servants' pay as a legitimate means to fund the economy.

He seems to ignore the fact that the

greatest resource in any business is its staff. To mistreat the staff is tentamount to mistreating the resources of the company, leading to loss of morale, less efficient services and an ever-increasing downward spiral.

Working in public sector employ-ment used to offer a strong element of job security. A serious side-effect of current policy is that this security has gone and redundancy has become not just a threat but a reality.

Yours sincerely.
RAYMOND J. CLARKSON Chairman, Officers' Side, Joint Negotiating Committee Association of Magisterial Officers, The Court House, Bradford Road, Bingley, West Yorkshire.

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the classic signs of having an essay

due. Intolerance, expressing "gran-

diose ideas" and forcing one's views

on others — there are scores of examples in any political club. How-ever, we must look on the bright side.

This may be the solution to the

growing problem of graduate un-

employment. Employers will surely be

eager to hire people who have already had their mid-life crisis and so are less

attention" to unimportant details Life's crises

From Mr Thomas Lunley Sir. On reading the list of "warning signs" of mid-life crisis (Modern Times, November 17) I was dismayed to realise that I am in the midst of an

All around me are people "looking bowed down" by work, "suddenly taking up a very active sport", and suffering from "fragmented sleep". I am, of course, at a university.

The list of danger signs goes on: "lowered self-esteem", "morbid speech patterns" and "obsessional

THOMAS LUMLEY, 239 Iffley Road, Oxford.

likely to succumb later.

From Mr G. J. Pressler Sir, The Woolsack, I believe, repre-

sents the nation's wealth. Judging by a growing number amongst our cli-ents it should be called the Writsack Sir, Mr Molyneux (letter, November and stuffed with bankrupicy petitions. Yours faithfully, GRAHAM PRESSLER, Graham Pressler & Co

> 74 Wrawby Street. Brigg, South Humberside. November 17.

(Solicitors).

From Mr John H. Franklin

Sir. An appropriate contemporary filling for the Woolsack? The only possible answer is natural gas.

Yours faithfully, JOHN H. FRANKLIN, 43 Ufton Road, N1.

Arts hopes dashed

From the Director of the National Campaign for the Arts

Sir. For the sixth year running the proportion of government spending allocated to the arts has been cut. The new Department of National Heritage, contrary to the hopes of many and the promises of John Major, has been humiliated in its first year, losing a greater proportion of its funds than any other department of state (according to figures in The Times, Novem-

Funds saved from the capital spending on the British Library have not been given back to the arts. Instead, £5 million has been taken away by the Treasury as a notional contribution to the European Regional Fund, and DNH administranew staff are recruited and it moves

into its own building. In contrast every sector it funds has had its grant frozen or cut in real terms. Worse is to come. Under the rolling three-year plan the Arts Coun-cil is due to lose E5 million in 1994 and the National Heritage Memorial Fund is to be slashed by a third in three years' time. There have been no moves to help the film industry, local authority-funded organisations, or

libraries. English Heritage's budget has been cut this year and I now wonder, with some trepidation, from whose pocket Peter Brooke is expected to take the millions that will be needed to restore

Windsor Castle. By reneging on its pledge to increase the Arts Council's grant by 3.7 per cent in line with inflation the government has made sure that there is nothing to deal with any of the predicted problems next year. If passed on to clients the cuts would ensure that any sponsorship money brought in would be used for replacing lost public funds, not supplementing them as business leaders have

constantly stressed is their intention. Michael Portillo, David Mellor's replacement as Chief Secretary to the Treasury has, at his first attempt, undone all his predecessor's good work. The government has ratted on the national heritage.

SIMON MUNDY, Director. National Campaign for the Arts, Francis House, Francis Street, SW1.

Film buffery

From Mr Robert C. Seeckts

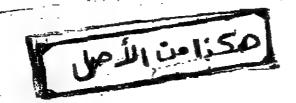
Sir, How could Peter Carter-Ruck (letter, November 21) omit from his list of top ten films Brief Encounter?

Yours sincerely, ROBERT C. SEECKTS, Thorpe House, 18/20 London Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Casting a cold eye From Lady Dundas

Sir, If 1978 was the Winter of Discontent what, I wonder, will the winter of 1992 be called: the Winter of Despair (recession and unemployment, of Disillusion (politics), Disgust (the press), Dismay (the pound), Distress (the miners), Doubt (the ordination of women) or of Disbelief (the "green shoots" of recovery)?

Yours faithfully, ROSAMOND DUNDAS, 55 Iverna Court, W8.





COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 24: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh today attended a Luncheon, given by the Corporation of London to mark the Fortieth Anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession, at Guildhall and were received by the Rt Hon the Lord Major (Alderman Sir Francis McWilliams).

A Royal Salute was given by the Honourable Artillery Company. The Lady Farnham, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes and Major James Patrick were in attendance. The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of

Her Majesty this evening. The Lady Elton has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen. The Duke of Edinburgh, Presi-

dent of the English Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, this afternoon presented prizes to the winners of the ESU English Language Competitions and sub-sequently took the chair at a Meeting of the English Language Committee at Buckingham His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-

Chief, this evening attended a Reception given by the Intelligence Corps Volunteers at Ashford House, Handel Street, London Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis

was in attendance. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** November 24: The Duke of York. Parron, this evening attended the Contemporary Dance Trust's Gala.

Fund-raising Performance at Sadlers Wells, Islington, London

Captain Neil Blair RN was in anendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 24: The Prince Edward this evening attended a performance of "Flamlet" given by the Royal New Zealand Ballet at the Derngate Centre, Northampton. His Royal Highness was received by Captain John Mac-Donald-Buchanan (Vice Lord-

ieutenant of Northamptonshire). Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

November 24: The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, today visited the Save the Children Fund's new head-quarters office building at 66 South Lambeth Road, London

Her Royal Highness. Colonel-in-Chief, 14th/20th King's Hus-sars, this afternoon received Major General Sir Michael Palmer on relinquishing his appointment as Colonel of the Regiment, and Major General John Friedberger prior to taking up the appointment Colonei, The King's Royai The Princess Royal, Master, the

Worshipful Company of Loriners, this evening attended a Saddlers' Court Dinner at Saddlers' Hall, Gutter Lane, Lundon EC2.

attendance. **CLARENCE HOUSE**

November 24: Lieutenant-Colonel Graeme McDonald today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Regi-ment, upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Of-

ficer of the 1st Battalion Lieutenant-Colonel Robin Hodges also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 1st Bartalion, The King's Regiment. Queen Elizabeth The Queen

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School news

Saint Fellx School, Southwold.

The School is proud to announce

its public examination results of Summer 1992. Our figures, unlike the Department for Education's, include all girls in the relevant year

group irrespective of age. The DFE A Level figures are given in brackets. GCSE: 69 girls entered.

90% have 5+ A-C grades, 100% have 5+ A-G grades. A Level: 31 gids entered (25), 100% took A or A/S Levels (84%), UCCA Average

The Association of MBAs held their Annual General Meeting and 25th Anniversary Annual

Dinner last night at Fronmongers' Hall, Barbican. Mr David Gravells, retiring Chairman, intro-duced the new Chairman, Mr Lebe

Ypma, and the guest speaker. Mr Ian Hay Davison, of Storehouse pic and National Mortgage Bank, who addressed members and their

Royal engagements are

on the facing page

Point Score 19.1 (15.2).

The Amociation of MBAs

Dinner

Inner Temple

Mother, as Patron, this afternoon visited the Royal Foundation of Saint Katharine in Ratcliffe. The Hon Mrs Rhodes and Sir Marin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

November 24: The Prince of Wales, President, International Business in the Community, this evening took the chair at a Meet-ing, followed by a Dinner, for members and sponsors of The Prince of Wales's Business Leaders' Forum.

The Princess of Wales today visited Irvine and Cumnock and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Ayrshire and Arran (Major Richard Henderson). Her Royal Highness visited the Woodlands Centre, Kilwinning Road, Irvine.

Subsequently, the Princess of Wales, Patron, British Red Cross Youth, opened Red Cross House in Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Sweater Shop plc at Cumnock.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in KENSINGTON PALACE November 24: The Duke of Gloucester this morning presented the Ian Allan Railway Heritage Awards at the Royal Society of

Awards at the Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, London WC1. In the evening His Royal High-ness attended a Reception at Bolton Town Hall and subsequently was present at a Gala Performance of "Alfie" to mark the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Octagon Theatre, Howell Croft

South, Bolton, Greater The Duke of Gloucester was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John

Timmins). Major Nicholas Barne was in

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (Cot Death Research and Support was present at the Annual General Meeting at 35, Beigrave Square, London SW1. Mrs Michael Wigley was in

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE November 24: The Duke of Kent,

Patron of Buck's Club. this evening attended the Patron's Dinner at the Club. 18 Clifford Street, London WI. Commander Roger Walker, RN was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK November 24: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this afternoon opened

scheme of the Richmond Fellow ship at 52 Moxon Street, Barnet.
This evening Her Royal Highness attended a Concert organised by the Britain-Nigeria Association at Merchant Taylor's Hall, Threadneedle Street, London

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Calls to the Bar

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Birthdays today

Mr Francis Durbridge, playwright and author, 80; Mrs Maria Fyle,

MP, 54; Sir Cosmo Haskard,

former governor, Falkland Is-lands, 76; Miss Daisy Hyams,

former managing director, Tesco, 80; Mr Dickie Jeeps, former

chairman, Sports Council, 61; Mr

Imran Khan, cricketer, 40; Dr

Elizabeth Laverick, electrical en-

Sir Fergus Montgomery, MP, 65; Mr Michael Morris, MP, 56; Mr

Tony Neary, rugby player, 44; Mr KJ. O'Keere, cricketer, 43; Lord

Richardson of Duntisbourne, KG. 77; Mr Richard Seifert, architect.

82; Lord Tweedsmuir, 81; Lord

Weatherill, 72; Mr Peter Wright, director, Birmingham Royal Bal-

The Lord Lieutenant of Hamp-

shire and Lady Scott attended a

dinner given last night on board

HMS Victory in Portsmouth by

Admiral Sir John Kerr, Com-mander-in-Chief Naval Home

Service dinner

Command, and Lady Kerr.

DEATHS

ez, 66.

HMS Victory

Grays Ian W G Andland, Kensington, London: T J Williams, Richmond, London: J A Grees, Bromkey, East: E A Frans-Bruwn, Hoffland Parix, London: L Woods, Islington, London: C J Rowlands, Saeffield: N Syroull, Port Issae, Cornwalt; Sukumaran, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; C M G Ambrose, Kennington, London: E Swainson, Southampson, Benmada; I W G Rind. & Lohn: A Antigna. M G Ambrose, Kennington, London: E §
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Luncheons

Corporation of London

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attended a luncheon given by the Corporation of London yesterday at Guildhail to mark the fortieth anniversary of

The Queen's Accession. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayores, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests:

their fadies, received the guests: Among those present were:
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HM Government
Mr Ian Lang, Secretary of State for
Scotland, and Mrs Lang were
hosts yesterday at a buffet luncheon
given by Her Majesty's Government at Dear House Whitelet?

to mark the visit to London of the Right Rev Hugh R. Wyllie, Mod-erator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

English-Speaking Union
Mr Bernard Levin was the guest of
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The Royal Academy

The President of the Royal Acad-

my of Engineering, Str William Barlow, FEng. presided at the 1992 Christopher Hinton Lecture and Dinner held last night at the Institution of Civil Engineers, London, Mr Iain Vallance, Chairmann, Africa, Paleston, Institution of Civil Engineers, London, Mr Iain Vallance, Chairmann, Africa, Paleston, Institution of Civil Engineers, London, Mr Iain Vallance, Chairmann, Mr Iain Vallance, Chairmann, Mr Iain Vallance, Chairmann, Institute Chairmann, I

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tions pic, was the guest speaker and spoke on "Communications:

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Among those present were sir Michael Arbah, Ost. PES, Mr. Robin Biggam, Rear Admired Richael Chimbid. Sir Rea Dearing. CR. Hon Peng. Dr. Anthony Denion, PEng. Sir Benes. Harrison, OSE. Lord. Nelson of Sanfard, Ping. Dr. Adam Neville. Mc. Reng. PENg. Dr. Odenfore Politics. CR. Reng. PENg. Dr. Odenfore Robinson, Sir Denis Rooks, CRE, PRE. FENg. and Sir Colin Southquie.

Sandford St Martin

The Most Rev Richard Holloway. Primus Scottish Episcopal Church, presented the Sandford St Martin

Trust Awards for outstanding re-

ligious programmes on radio at a reception and luncheon held yes-terday at Lambeth Palace. The

Right Rev Lord Blanch, chairman of the trustees, received the guests.

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between Noes, sua of Mr and Mrs E.G. Manns, of Moumouth, and Nienke, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.W. Verspyck, of Shere, Surrey and Zierikzee, The Netherlands. Mr J. Solomon and Miss V. Richmond
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between Jacob, third son of Mr
and Mrs J. Sylvester, of Castle
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Bedfordshire. Memorial service

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The engagement is aunounced between Christopher, eldest son of

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life and work of Sir Harold Hobson was held yestenday at St. Paul's, Covent Garden. The Very Rev David Effect officiated and Mr Martin Jarvis read the lesson. Mr John Peter, Drama Crice of The Sunday Times, Mr Harold Pinter and Mr Michael Billington, Drama Crice of The Guardian, own addresses. gave addresses.

Mr Paul Eddington read pas-sages from Sir Harold's aun-biography, Indirect Journey, Mr biography, Indirect Journey, Mr
Tony Haygarth and Mr Alan
Howard read from Sampel
Beckett's Waiting for Godot, Mr
Eddington, Mr Gawn Gelfinger
and Mr Douglas Hodge read-from
Harold Finter's The Britislay
Party, Miss Angela Pleasene read
from Miss Marguerite Duties's
The Square and Miss Susannah
York and Mr. Michael Thomas
from Paul Candel's Purlage de front Paul, Claudel's Pauline de Midi. Miss Maria Priodman (mezzo-soprano) sang Cosane les Anges from Irma la Douce. Among offices present west.

Among others present were

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POSTER - On November 21st. al The Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. to Anthea (née Macpherson) and Netl. a GOSSEO - On November 22nd, at The Portland Hospital, be Cynitica Schollard and Mario a son. Geglielmo, brother to Adriane.

econymin - On 23rd November at St. Mary's Hospital.
Paddington, to Maryaret (new SummerDed) and Richard, a daugister, Camerleve Mary (Jenny), a sister for Isabel. GROSSMAN - On November 14th, at The Portland Hospital, to Debbie tofe Carriy and Ashley, a daughter, Camilla Rose, a sister for Emily, Sophie and Annabel. HUXLEY - On November 18th. to Caroline (née Sinciair) and Mark, a sen,

CHIGHT - On November 24th, to Jessica (née Coweji) and John, a daughter, Hannah Victoria. LITTLE - On November 21st. to Caroline (Kilki) and Michael, a son. Edward Charles Frank. PARDOE - On November
21st. at The Portland
Hospital. to Mariet (née
Westermann) and Charles, a
daughter. Anna Martine. PIGOTT - On November 20th.

to Jeannie (née Marshall) and David, a daughter, Lucinda ROOREY - On November 25rd, at The Portland Hospital, in Margaret and Colin. a son. Timothy SKHNER - On November 20th, at The Portland Hospital to Lisa Roaden and James A, III, a beautiful daughter. Maria Elizabeth (Emmie), a granddaughter for VI Roaden, Bev Skitmer for VI Roaden, Bev Skitmer and

STEWART - On November 16th, to Georgina (née Smith)

GOLDEN **ANNIVERSARIES** November 1942 at Hampstead Parish Church. Kameth to Wendy. Still at Southlands Lodge. Sundop. Easts.

DEATHS

17th November. Zoe Yvonne (née Cordon) pencefully in Cairns, Queensiand. Australia. aged 81 years. Was buried privately in Ravenshoe, Australia. "Seep that no path shall wake. Night that no morn shall break. Till loy shall overtake Her perfect pence". C. Rossetti. No Bowers by her request, but douadtons to the Caristian Mission to the Bilind in her memory, Mrs Centhe Westhourne, 8 Conceypers. Otney, Bucks. MK46 4AE.

BOSANGUET - On Friday
November 20th 1992, Isobel
of Cambridge, aged 86 years,
widow of Sexphem Bosanguet
and dear mother of Caroline
and Cordelia Foster. Funeral
at The Hope Nursing Home
Chapel, Brooklands Avenue,
Cambridge, on Monday
November 30th at 2.45 pm.
Family Bowers only but
donations for The Hope
Nursing Home may be sent to
Brian Warner Funeral
Service, 4 Harshel Court.
Cambridge, CB1 4UB. CAMERON - On November Zand, pascenuly for the control pascenuly for the control pascenuly for the control pascenul pascenul

CARTER - Kenneth, at home on 21st November, beloved husband of Evelyn and much loved by his daughtar, family and friends. Funeral Service to be held at Tumbridge Wells Cramatorium on Friday November 27th at 9.30 am. Family flowers only, donations appreciated in Evour of The British Heart Foundation.

CHISHOLM - On 22nd November, in his 91st year, Archibaid Hugh Trennent, Funerai Friday 27th November at 12 noon at St. Mary's. Eweime. Oxfordshire. Flowers to C.H.

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DEMISSON - On November
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Service to be hald at St.
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DEATHS

borne. Lord Derek will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends. Private funcal service at the Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday 26th November at 4 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Dowding House, Moffat, Scotland. SCOURDS.

FERRIER SMITH - On Sakurday 21st November 1992, peacefully at her home in Jersey, C.L. Jean, dearly loved wife of the late David Ferrier Smith and adored mother of Val. Entonies to H.W. Maillard & Son Ltd., Funeral Directors, tal: (0534) 37291

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GREGORY - On November 23rd. Cliver, following a tragic accident, tressered hasband of Sue, loving son of Many and much adored lather of Suzy, Charlie, Rosle and Annie. Enquiries: Thomas Free Funeral Directors tal: (0672) 512110.

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GRIFFITH — On Powerser
23rd 1992, peacefully at her
home in Penarth, after a long
liness. borne with great
courage and dignity, Dorls
Coinwen (née Hoghes), aged
72 years. Widow of her
belowed husband Curwen
and dearty loved mother of
Gareth and the late John.
Dear sister of Joan and sisterin-law of Donald and Elinor,
Much loved and admired by
all who howe and cared for
her. The funeral service will
be at Starwell Road Baptist
Church, Penarth. South
Glamorgan, at 2 pm on
Monday November South
followed by burtal at Penarth.
Cemetery. Family flowers
only but docations may be
sent to the Marie Curie
Memorial Foundation at
Holme Towers Hospice.
Bridgenam Road, Penarth,
South Glamorgan.

COWPER - Mary. On November 22nd 1992, soddenly at her home is Sherborne, Dorset, Widow of Dockor William Cowper, much loved and loving mother of David, Hazel and Jane and Caring friend to many others. Service at Sherborne Abbay 10.50 am December 2nd. No flowers pleese, Donations to W.W.F. DENNISSOM - On November 22nd 1992, pencethily at Greenacres Nursing Home, Twyford, surrounded by love and care, Marjorie, aged 82. Cherished wife of the late Len, despress mother of the late Len, despress

Caterbam, CRS SUE.

HARFORD - On Novamber
22nd, peacefully, Florence
Marianne of Beaconsfield,
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F.R. and hirs Harford, only
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Service Friday November
27th 12 noon at St Mary's
Charcis. Beaconsfield. No
flowers please. LEWIS - On 24th November, peacefully in the Royal Surrey County Hospital, June Sandford, aged 80, much loved widow of Ted, mother of Michael and David and grandmother of Cutterine and Amanda, Funeral at Cutterine at 11.50 on Monday 30th November.

Monday 30th November.

MELIGAN - On Monday November 25rd, peacefully at Wonford Hospital, Excher., Marjorie Edith (Mild) Colemia Nursing Service. Adea - Matrun, Hawkmoor Hospital, Bovey Tracty - SNR Nursing Officer, Heavitree, Enter. Laterty of Southdown House, Bovey Tracty, will be sadly missed by all her friends. Functed by all her friends. Puncted by all her friends. Puncted below Tracty, at 2 pm or Tuesday December 1st. Flowers or donations to P.D.S.A. c/o Counter & Sons, Bovey Tracty Devon.

NOURSE - On Sunday November 22nd 1992, at home, The Reversed Peter, loving husband of the late Kaye, father of Hermions and Prisca, grandfather of Philippa and dear friend of Jill and Mark. Service at Leoninster Priory. Thursday December 3rd 1992 at 3pm. Family flowers unity. POWER - On November 23rd
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ROSS - On November 20th
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22nd 1992. Avril Edythé
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SANSOM - On Thursday 19th November 1992. Andrew William Sanson. Cide! Executive and Secretary of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants. Funeral Service at St Marry the Virgin. Charibrate Transportation from the Chartery 27th November. Transportation from the Charibrary BR station will be provided on the arrival of the 10.05 am train from Paddington. Family Bowers only: donations may be sent to the British Heart Foundation. C/o 14 Fibrhardinge Street. Londom. Will 40M. Enquiries to Sarah Singer at the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants. Telephone (071) 242-6856.

SANSOM - On Thursday 19th November 1992. Andrew William, suddenly, aged 55 years. Beloved husband of Rosanne, father of Matthew and son of Rectraid and Mariorie.

husband of Resame, father of Matthew and son of Regimald and Marjorie. Funeral Service at St Mary the Virgin, Charlbury, Oxfordstoire. 11.30 am. Friday 27th November. Family flowers only; done-time way be sent to the tions may be sent to the British Heart Foundation, c/o 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London, W1H 4DH,

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SCROPE - On 22nd November
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WHYTE - On November 190, bragically as a result of an accident, late of Millon Keynes, Allstair and Anne Cade Armstrong), dearly loved daughter and seale and dearly loved son and daughter-in-law of Bill and laobel. Requiem Mass at St. Oswald's Church at Bellingham, today November 25th at 12 noon, followed by Interneat at Citerbura Churchyse WOLF - On November 21st. Churchyard

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HARREWORTH - Dr. Sidney.
A Service of Thenlessiving for the life of Sidney Beethan.
C.B.E., I.L.D., will be held at Holy Trinity Church. Hull, on Wednesday December 9th 1992 at 12 noon. IN MEMORIAM -

DRAME - Nich, remembered aiways with love.

MULLER - John. 25th November 1972. Primus him Pares. Dearly loved father and grandfather of Margaret. David. Journa, Serah and Dugal.

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Fred Lloyd Roche, CBE, architect and urban planner, died in Milton Keynes on November 9 aged 61. He was born on March 11, 1931.

FRED Roche played a pivotal role in transforming Milton Keynes from a struggling "new town" into the fastest growing and 15th largest urban centre in Britain. From 1971 until 1980 he was general manager of the team which developed the proposed new "city of the future" in Buckingham-shire, situated halfway between London and Birmingham and between the MI and A5 roads. During that time it became the most successful

new town in Europe.

Horrified by the monolithic concrete housing developments which were replacing old town and city centres elsewhere, Roach and his colleagues determined to retain the best elements of the twenty or so villages and two small towns in the area designated for the new urban settlement and to use them as regulators of scale, character and continuity. He recruited a team of architects and landscape gardeners who paid heed to past community forms and provided a variety of neighbourhood designs. Landscaping utilised elements forgotten during the 1950s and 1960s - old buildings were restored, millions of trees were planted, a city park was laid out, lakes were



created and shopping centres featured airy interiors and attractive facades. This ambitious approach paid off. By 1980 the total public and private investment in Milton Keynes exceeded £722 million, 15,000 homes had been sold or rented and a new city centre, at that time Europe's biggest retailing development, had been constructed.

FRED ROCHE

Keynes gained the status of an admired and favoured planning experiment. Roach was particularly proud of the diversity of industry the development corporation attracted and the fact that there was no single dominant industry.

The whole concept of Milton Keynes, said Roche, was of a city built for people. He was delighted when he saw gnomes in gardens, he said, because it meant that people were doing their own thing and settling down. He deplored the kind of situation in which people could not choose what colour they could paint their front door. their front door.

Fred Roche studied architecture at the Regent Street Polytechnic, London, and qualified in 1955. He began his career as a housing architect in London, but in 1958 moved to Coventry where he was deputy schools architect and led the team responsible for the redevelopment of a major section of the central area of Coventry. He left Coventry to join the Midlands Housing Consortium as their principal

development architect in 1963.

In 1965, aged 33, Roche joined the Runcom Development Corporation as chief architect and planning officer. In this capacity he worked with Arthur

More than 25,000 jobs were created, half of them new ones as opposed to jobs which had been relocated. Milton

entire building programme. In 1970 he was appointed director of design and production for the development programme for the proposed new city of Milton Keynes, becoming general manager of the development corporation the following

In 1980 Roche joined with Terence Conran to establish Conran Roche architectural and planning practice. As deputy chairman and managing direc-tor he led the practice's work until ill health forced his retirement from day-to-day activities in 1988. One of the firm's most important commissions was the Butler's Wharf project in London Docklands.

Roche was created CBE in 1985. He was an active council member of the Royal Institute of British Architects, serving as vice president from 1983-85, and as honorary treasurer 1985-86. He was responsible for the RIBA inner cities committee report proposing a national urban renewal agency. He advised the Department of the Environment and several foreign govemments on urban development.

He leaves his widow, Valerie, their daughter and two children from his first marriage.

ROY ACUFF

Roy Acuff, a singer. fiddler and bandleader who was internationally recognised as "the King of Country Music," died of heart failure at his home in Nashville,

Tennessee, on November 23 aged 89. He was born near Maynardsville in the Smoky Mountains of casem Tennessee on September 15, 1903.

BUT for a severe case of sunstroke, which ended his professional baseball career with the New York Yankees almost before it began, Roy Acuff might never have taken up the fiddle. It turned out to be a lucky misfortune, both for him and for generations of country music fans. Acuff, the son of a Baptist preacher from the backwoods of Tennessee, turned instead to his roots and began a musical odyssey that brought him fame and no small fortune as the long-time star of Nashville's Grand Ole

Opry.

Acuff had sung in the the fiddle from his father. The showbusiness techniques which were to stand him in such good stead came from his early years as a performer with Doc Hower's Medicine Show, a travelling troupe in the American south.

At first he performed white gospel music, changing to the country" style after forming his own band, "The Crazy Tennesseans", in the early 1930s. "People used to call it hillbilly music," he once said.
"I never took any offence at that. I'm from the mountains,

so I guess I am a hillbilly." The turning point in Acuff's career came in 1936, when he was discovered by a talent agent who signed him to a contract with Columbia records. Two years later he made his first appearance on the Grand Ole Opry radio show, and was destined to appear there almost every weekend for more than 50 years. By this time, in deference to the dignity of his home state, "The Crazy Tennesseans" had become "The Smoky Mountain Boys", and Acuff's sobbing fiddle and wailing tenor led them through such numbers as "Wabash Cannon Ball", "The Great Speckled Bird" and "The Precious

Jewel". A clowning performer, who often played with a yo-yo on stage or balanced his fiddle bow on the end of his nose, Acuff, nonetheless, took his music seriously and insisted on retaining the instrumenta-tion of a traditional mountain

string band. The fiddle, the string bass, the rhythm guitar, the five string banjo, and an instrument known as the Hawaiian dobro were almost all he needed throughout his CAPEET.

In 1943, by which time he was earning \$200,000 a year, Acuff made a brief run for the governorship of Tennessee in protest against the incumbent who had said he thought country music was "disgracing the state." He tried again four years later as a Republican, but quickly conceded defeat without regret. 'As governor, I would have been just another politician," he said. "As a singer I can be

Roy Acuff." During the second world war and later, Acuff gave frequent concerts for American servicemen overseas, often bringing country music to areas where it had never been heard before. In 1962 he was elected the first living member of the Country Music Hall of

Fame.
A serious car accident in 1965 slowed Acuff down for several years, and he began to devote more time to building up the first of his country music museums in Nashville, There are now two of them. both on the Optyland entertainment park which contains the new auditorium for the Grand Ole Opry, built in 1974. Still performing almost to the time of his death, Acuff had a simple justification for the type of music he played: "It helps make people better." he said. Roy Acuff, who was widowed in 1981, is survived by a son.

AUDRE LORD

American feminist poet and essayist, died of cancer in Christiansted, St Croix, Virgin Islands, on November 17 aged 58. She was born in New York, of West Indian parents, on February 18, 1934. AUDRE Lorde, although not

Audre Geraldin Lorde

a literary poet in the (until ordinary sense, wielded immense influence in America as. in her own words, a black lesbian feminist warrior poet". This influence was reflected in her appointment as New York State's poet laureate. Her courageous and public 14-year battle with breast cancer, described in The Cancer Journals (1980), was helpful and inspiring to other women suffering from the same disease, and deservedly enhanced her reputation.

Audre Lorde, who had published her first poem at the age of 15, was educated at Hunter College, New York, from which she graduated in 1959. After attending a post-gradu-ate course at Columbia University she became a librarian at Mount Vernon Public Library in New York (1961-63). Her first collection of poems, The First Cities, pub-

lished by the New York Poets Press in 1968, attracted attention, and in that year she was poet-in-residence at Tougaloo College, Mississippi. Thereafter she held a variety of appointments, winding up as professor of English at her



own old college, Hunter, in 1981. In 1987 she became Thomas Hunter Professor there. She was editor of vari-Chrysalis, and won numerous awards, including the Gay Caucus Book of the Year Award in 1981. The poetry collection From A Land Where

Other People Live (1983) was nominated for the National Book Award. "As a contributor to women's literature, her ous magazines, including influence was monumental" said a member of the collective that runs the leading feminist bookstore in Greenwich Village, Judith's Room, where er are both in prose. The Lorde often gave readings: Cancer Journals and the also

"There will never be someone just like her It will be those who heard her in full spate, rather than those who can only read her poetry, who will remember her most vividly. Her two most memorable books for the readautobiographical Zami: A New Spelling of My Name (1982). Her verse was less for the textual critic than for the eager and embattled listener:

But I wear my nights as . wear my life and my dying absolute and unforgiving.

She lived, said a critic, "in

the grip of ancient terments. The core of her endeavour which the diagnosis of cancer only increased, was the strug-gle for black female power. The best of her poetry draws not on Caribbean mythology, but on that of the "Dahomean Amazons". Two of her volumes were published in London: Cables to Rage (1970) and Our Dead Behind Us (1987). William Naughton Inc made much of the most evocative of her work available in a 1982 trade edition: Choen Poems — Old and New. Audre Lorde, although not predominantly an intellectual. and aithough grotesquely overpraised by enthusiasts, was no run-of-the-mill splurger of emotions. She will be remembered not only because

of her presence and her courage, but also for her insight into herself: she knew, and acknowledged and analysed, the rage and the paradoxes within her. The Cancer Journals has a rare and inspiring dignity. Audre Lorde was married in

1962 to Edwin A. Rollins, by whom she had a daughter and a son. The marriage ended in divorce in 1970.

CLIFFORD BARCLAY

Clifford Barciay, financial advisor to the film industry, died in London on October 18 aged 84. He was born in London on December 28, 1907.

CLIFFORD Barclay was the British film industry's financial and tax adviser for nearly five decades. An accountant by training, he was introduced to the world of cinema through his firm's clients. In 1931, aged 24, he became a parmer at Stoy Hayward, where he had been articled to Frederick Stoy and later became a senior

As adviser to the Cinematograph Exhibitors Association from 1934 to 1955, he was responsible for monitoring the Eadle levy, the sum siphoned from box-office receipts to fund British film-making. He was chairman of the All Industry Tax Committee and instrumental in negotiating the abolition of Entertainment Tax in 1957.

In recognition of his service to the industry, he was appointed president of the Brit-Film Producers

Association in 1968. He used his position, which he held until 1975, to increase harmony and co-operation between the film makers, their bankers, the union-led technicians and the distributors. He was also influential during the forma-

tive years of Bafta. Barclay was a highly suc-cessful businessman after leaving accountancy practice, being a partner at Sotheby's, founder of the Jersey Bank of Commerce, chairman of Giltspur Investments, deputy chairman of Pearl & Dean and co-founder and director of Barro Equities. He was one of the first in his field to realise the importance of manage-

ment education. Barclay, who had been an I I-plus scholarship boy at the Regent Street Polytechnic, as it then was, and had gone straight from school into articles, worked unstintingly to give late starters a chance in life. He himself was the son of Polish-Jewish immigrants who became well-known furriers and tailors in Queensway.

west London. In 1963 Barclay founded

honorary MA from Oxford in 1983 in recognition of his contribution. He worked on the government's Russel report on adult education from 1968 to 1972 and was treasurer of Coleg Harlech for some years and a governor of the London School of Economics from

the Oxford Centre for Man-

agement Studies, now Templeton College and part of the University of Oxford. He

served on the college's council

as member and chairman. He

was delighted to receive an

Barday, an ardent Chelsea Footbali Club fan, was a member of the government enquiry into Association Football (the Chester report) from 1966 to 1968. In 1975 he started a ten-year chairmanship of the Football Grounds

Improvement Trust. He was twice Master of the Worshipful Company of Glovers and, from 1983 to 1988, president of the West London Synagogue.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyne, and by a son and a daughter.

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The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give an evening reception at Buckingham Palace at 9.30 for members of the Diplomatic Corps. The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of York and Princess Alexandra will also attend.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Reliow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, will present The Prince Philip Medal at Buckingham Palace at 11.30. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will visit the headquarters of the British Red Cross Society, 9 Grosvenor Cresoent, at noon; and will open the extension to the London Library in Mason's Yard

at 6.30. The Princess Royal will open the Prince's Quay shopping and lei-sure development, Hull at 10.30; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the shop at 269 Holderness Road, Hull, at 11.15; as Commandant in Chief of Seeking the Cure. 11.15; as Commande and Nurs-

ing Cadets, will open the new headquarters, Barton upon Hum-ber, at 12.05; will attend a fundraising reception at Tyrwhitt Hall 12.35; will open the National Fishing Heritage Centre. Grimsby, at 1.55; and as President of the Riding for the Disabled Association, will visit the Cleethorpes and Grimsby Group, Weelsby Park Riding School, Weelsby Road, Grimsby, at 3.00.

Princess Margaret will attend the Royal Concert at the Festival Hall at 7.15 in aid of the Musicians Benevolent Fund and allied misical charities.

The Duke of Gloucester, as President of the National Association of Boys' Clubs, will visit the George Amey Centre, 36 Simpson Village, Milton Keynes, at 11.00; will visit Guildhall, Church of Christ the Cornerstone, at 12.15; the Bierchley Youth Centre. Derwent Drive, at 2.00; the Green Park Centre, Stablebridge Road, Aston Clinton, at 3.00; Loudwater Boys Club, Birfield Road, at 3.55; the Hotspur Youth Club, Hotspur Way, at 4.20; and Hazlemere Golf and Country Club at 4.55.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (Cot Death Research and Support), will attend a reception at St James' Palace at 5.35 to mark the 21st anniversary of the foundation.

The Duke of Kent will visit the Kepier Development, Houghton-le-Spring, at 11.30; as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, will open Peter Stracey House, Ebdon Lane, Fullwell, Sunderland, at 12.20; will visit the Masonic Temple, Burdon Road at 1.05; as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board will visit Bonas Machine Company, Team Valley, Gateshead, at 2.40; and as President of the Engineering Council will visit the Northern Engineering Centre, Great North House, Sandyford Road, Newcastle, at 3.45. Later he will attend a fundraising dinner at Seaton Delayal Hall, Northumberland, at 7.00 in aid of the Help Poland

Fund (Northern). The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Choir Schools Association, will visit Bristol Cathedral School at Chub held last night.

11,20; as Patron of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, will visit the rheumatology unit at Bristol Royal Infirmary at 2.00: and will open the new renal unit at Southmede Hospital, Bristol, at

3.15. Princess Alexandra will open the day centre of the Bromley branch of the Abheimer's Disease Society ar White Gables, 18 Bromley Common, at 2.30.

Dinners

Order of Malta Fra' Giancario Pallavicini, Grand Commander of the Order of Malta, Lord Vestey, Lord Prior of the Order of St John, and Mr Piers Paul Read were the guests of honour at a dinner given by the British Association of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta last night at the Cavalry and Guards

United Oxford and Cambridge University Club Mr Stephen Pry was the principal speaker at a dinner of the United Oxford and Cambridge University

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NEWS

Queen talks of 'horrible year'

The Queen spoke for the first time in public yesterday of how the year of her fortieth anniversary on the throne had decayed from a celebration to what she called an "annus horribilis". The year has been a catalogue of personal sadness and misfortune, culminating in the Windsor Castle fire.

Sorrowful but essentially philosophical, the Queen spoke at

Radical change for the BBC

■ The BBC must be prepared for radical change, the government said yesterday in a deeply cautious consultation paper on the corporation's future. But Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, promised that it would continue to be a leading public service broadcasting organisation funded Pages 2, 20, 21, 32 mainly by a licence fee ...

Dam threat

An earthen dam in Yugoslavia, damaged by floods, is threatening to spill poisons into the network of rivers in the Danube system which provides drinking water for the region Page 16

Legal bias

Widespread sex discrimination in the legal profession is highlighted in a report which urges a radical overhaul of recruitment and selection of women for the Bar and judiciary...... Page 7

Police failure

Hermann Lutz, the chairman of Germany's police trade union, has admitted serious police failures in dealing with right-wing violence that led to three murders of Turks in Mölln last ... Page 16

Feeding fears

School meals contain large amounts of fat, sugar and salt, according to a report setting out nutritional guidelines for improving children's diets.. Page 8

Amicable £500,000

Mandy Smith, who was formerly married to Bill Wyman of the Rolling Stones, will receive aimost £580,000 in what was described yesterday as an amicable divorce settlement Page 5

Thatcher queries

Mark Thatcher is the subject of fresh claims, from a former member of President Reagan's national security council staff, that he may have had links to a

£20 billion arms deal with Saudi Arabia... Tourists killed

All 141 passengers and crew of a Chinese Boeing 737-300, which crashed into a mountain preparing to land at the tourist spot of

Guilin, were killed Page 17

Lost poppies

Susan Fielding, 28, stole the hearts of old soldiers when was made Poppy Queen. But as she responded to their affection, she was busy stealing funds from the British Legion and was jailed for a year after admitting eight specimen charges of forgery and theft, involving more than ... Page 7

Citizen's hotline

William Waldegrave, the public service minister, is to launch a national telephone hotline providing information on the quality of service to which everyone will be entitled under the citizen's charter Page 11

Jali riot

More than 100 prisoners at Highpoint Prison in Suffolk, went on the rampage yesterday causing El million of damage. More than 60 inmates have been removed to other . Page 3

Lorries targeted

British lorries entering France with agricultural products have been targeted by the militant peasant farmers' organisation

Little extras guests take for granted

The better the hotel, the bigger its annual bill to cover for thieving guests, according to a new survey by the Automobile Light-fingered visitors to British hostelries make off with anything from an ashtray to a grand piano, or even a dance-



Chosen columns: these two steel cylinders won the Turner prize for contemporary art last night for Grenville Davey. Britain's most provocative art award, which carries a prize of £20,000, has set traditionalist blood boiling, some calling for an end to it

ELISINESS

ERM pressure: Stresses within the European exchange-rate mechanism forced the French central bank to support the franc. Even harder hit were the Irish and Danish currencies Page 25

Cheap shots: Alan Sugar, Amstrad's chairman who is spearheading a £113 million buyout of the group he founded, defended himself against shareholders' accusations that he was trying to buy back Amstrad "on the cheap" .. Page 25

Markets: The pound rose from DM2.4266 to DM2.43 and from \$1.5150 to \$1.5162. The tradeweighted index rose 0.1 to 78.7. Helped by an early rise on Wall Street, the FT-SE 100 closed 4.2 points up at 2727.1 Page 28

SPORT

Footbeil: Rangers take on Marseilles at Ibrox tonight to become the first British representatives in the Champions League, featuring the last eight clubs in the European .. Page 48

Tennis: The Lawn Tennis Association launched a new five-year plan. to raise Britain from its status as a third-world nation in the sport. It will concentrate on improving facilities at all levels and will cost £63 Page 44

lifotor rallying: A road accident, a punctured front tyre and transmission troubles cost Colin McRae his lead in the Lombard RAC rally. After 26 stages he was sixth. Carlos Sainz, of Spain, returned to the head of the field. ..Page 46

LOCAS

Court attire: A collection of ciothes for the woman lawyer has been launched by a famous legal .. Page 18

Lean times: "I think it is beautiful not to have money. It makes you use your imagination." Photographer Corinne Day is the new darling of the fashion establish-

Brain pain: "The brain has been neglected since the time of Hippoorates, when it was dismissed as an organ for producing phlegm." Jeremy Laurance reports on a char-. ity to increase awareness of brain ... Page 19

Where to view: Despite the risks emphasised by the Windsor Castle fire, Richard Cork argues that great. works of art are best kept, and viewed, in situ - in stately home or

Pop gets serious: The new Guinness Encyclopaedia of Popular Music weighs in at four volumes, four million words and 10,000 entries..... Page 37

remote church.....

Sian Worgan, 25, a

nurse of Lyndhurst,

honoured for bravery

and seamanship after

a freak wave killed

her skipper

HEATHER It will be a windy day with gales in places, especially in the

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Musical theatre: Andrew Lloyd Webber has written some new music for Starlight Express at the Apollo, Victoria

Funding: Arts organisations fear that cuts implied by the government's new spending plans will ... Page 39 mean dosures....

End of the tunnel: Flickers of life are at last being seen in the London Docklands property market, ignited by the prospect of the Jubilee Page 40

the BBC's future confirms government commitment to the corporation; Peter Fiddick and Melinda Winneck describe how the BBC survived a decade of political DIESSUITE.

Green light?: The green paper on

Equal rights: Disabled people are making their outrage felt more than ever as they campaign against prejudice and injusticePages 33-36



Danise Payne steps arrives from America today to take part in Gerry Cottle's

Crime writer P.D. James talks about an unhappy childhood, lacking love, approval and security, and caring for a mentally ill husband. Bookmark (BBC2, 8.10) .. Page 47

Horrendous royal year

In later Latin the word "horribilis" lost its sting, becoming more like our "amazing" or "nemendous". So too, we hope, will 1992 seem less hurtful when lunch is served for Her Majesty's fiftieth year Page 21

Top of the market BBC Free markets in broadcasting are still in their infancy. They must be encouraged and developed, taking full advantage of technology to expand consumer choice Page 21

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Today's election in the Republic of Ireland is a muddle born of miscalculation. It promises little more than a different coalition, hamstrung by the same sorts of tension that toppled the previous

SIMON JENKINS

Seeking to relieve the suffering of a foreign civil conflict is one thing. Sending soldiers to help one side or another, under whatever auspices or whatever pretence or whatever rules of engagement, is BRYAN APPLEYARD

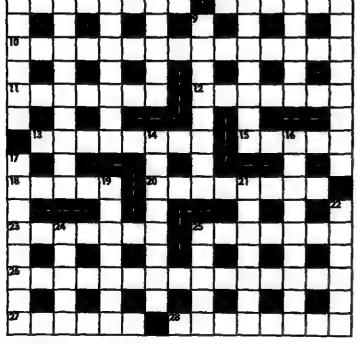
The closer people have looked at broadcasting, the clearer it has become that the destruction of a 70year-old tradition would, now more than ever, be vandalism., Page 20 PETER BAYLEY

"My dear boy," said William Bev- $\phi(N^{N_{0,2,3}}$ eridge to the young V.S. Namani, "how exceedingly nice to meet you: for any number of reasons, but chiefly of course because I'm an Indian too.... No dammit, I'm not. I'm a Pakistani — I was born in Rangpur."..... Page 20

Where, a Roman Catholic priest asks, is the British people's loyalty to the Queen, who has dedicated herself to our service for 40

controllers and Margaret Thatcher to miners. Now we'll see if Francois Mitterand is in the same league. He faces a week of thinggery and outlawry as France's farmers protest the deal the US and EC reached on farm subsidies. The Wall Street Journal

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,085



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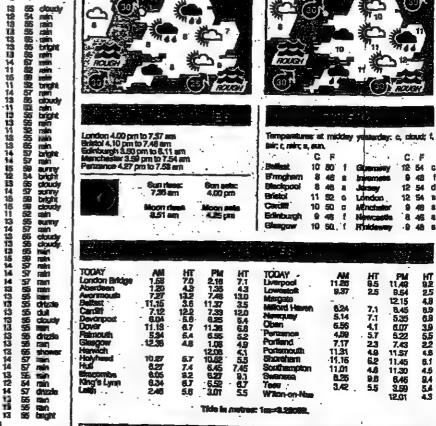


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RINGING TILLS



Argyll Group, the group, beat the recessionary chill to achieve a 15 per cent advance in first-half profits
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DIALING UP

Strong growth in the market for mobile relped Vodafone dial up a 23 per cent advance in profits Pages 27 and 28

PHONING OUT



BT is boosting its dinching its biggest o provide services in

POORER TONE

CLOSING Britain's oldest nuclear power stations to make a bigger market for coal would cause the loss of 17,000 obs over the next five years, gest atomic plant operator,

Dawson International. best known for its Pringle and Ballantyne brands, reports lower profits and no easing of recessionary pressures

THE POUND

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ERM pressures put franc under strain

By COLIN NARBROUGH

THE French central bank was forced to prop up the franc as market pressure built for another shake-out of the troubled exchangerate mechanism that could threaten the whole system.
With the Bundesbank giving no signals to suggest an

early easing of German interest rates, tension within the parity grid continues to mount. The weekend decision to devalue the Spanish peseta and the Portuguese escudo had focused market attention on Monday on the Irish punt and the Danish krone, as well as the Norwegian krone, which is pegged to the ecu.

Yesterday, the franc, which had successfully fought off a massive assault by speculators in September, dropped 3.40 to the mark, its weakest for more than a month, from just over 3.39 on Monday. The Banque de France's intervention, in which it sold marks for francs in modest amounts, came well above its ERM floor of 3.4305 to the mark. French three-month rates rose 1.5

In addition, withdrawing

life extensions granted to the

magnox series stations would

add £2.5 billion to the public

sector borowing requirement, John Coilier, Nuclear Eleo-

tric's chairman, said in evi-

dence to the Commons trade

and industry select committee

Several witnesses, including

Sir Graham Day, chairman ol

the generating company PowerGen, have suggested

that closing the magnox sta-

tions, would help out the £1.2

billion a year subsidy levied on fossil fuels, including coal, to

pay for nuclear power. Critics

argue that closing old Magnox plants would leave a

bigger market for British Coal.

Mr Collier said that closure

would be "unjustified on eco-

nomic terms, and it would have damaging PSBR implications". He insisted: "The

liabilities associated with the

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Pressures within the European Exchange Rate Mechanism forced the French central bank to prop up the franc and the Irish and Danes to adjust interest rates

percentage points to 11 per

As speculators turned on the franc. the Irish authorities supported to punt and raised one-week interest rates to between 50 and 75 per cent and overnight rates to 30 per cent. as the punt fell within an ace of its lowest permitted limit against the mark. Today's general election in Ireland is widely seen as the main factor delaying a realignment of the punt. The Danes conducted some intervention and lifted their overnight money market rates to 15 per cent, after the krone dropped to its mark

Pressure on the punt and the Danish krone came off slightly during the afternoon, arnid strong rumours that some ERM members were threatening to pull out of the

avoided by closure." Plants

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Sizewell B power station. a

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market, made up of domestic

and small business customers.

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er at 3p/KWh.

nuclear stations.

Up to 17,000 may

lose nuclear jobs

By Our Industrial Correspondent

system, if the Bundesbank council fails to cut its key lending rates at its regular council session tomorrow.

cellor, renewed his call for a cut in German interest rates, arguing that Germany and other Community countries had underestimated the impact of the recession. On BBC Radio's Today programme, he said: "I had been earlier this mans and others and trying to persuade them to cut interest rates. That, I believe, would be the most important thing that could be done". Although the German au-

thorities gave massive support to the French in the fight for the franc in September, market analysts believe the politbackground has worsened, which would make a defence of the French currency more difficult. A Bundesbank rate cut in response to foreign pressure would, however, effectively destroy the Bundesbank's credibility as the guarantor of low inflation in Germany.

Paul Chertkow, global cur-rency strategist at UBS Phillips & Drew, said the ERM would face disintegration if run by the state-owned Nuclear Electric group have the franc were forced to devalne or float. He said the disturbing development this tricity generation in England week was that the speculators have turned on the economies during the first half of this with sound fundamentals, such as France, convinced that year. The avoidable costs of the Magnox plants, at the French are not as ready as 1.2p/KWh, were the lowest on they were to put up interest the system. Mr Collier said the

rates significantly. France was a founder-member of the European monetary system in 1979 and the Franco-German axis is seen as central to the development of the Community.

French growth data, out yesterday, showed a stronger than expected third quarter. but failed to impress currency dealers. The gross domestic product grew 0.4 per cent after an 0.1 per cent rise in the second quarter, with consumer spending rebounding sharply.

different fuels by edict, much German money supply fig-ures for October, meanwhile, of the market for British Coal provided little encouragement could be preserved, he said. Scottish Nuclear, the statethat the Bundesbank will ease owned group that operates soon. The broad money measure, M3, grew at an annualised rate of 10.2 per two second-generation Advarioed Gas cooled Reactors cent, up sharply from 9.3 per cent in September. (AGR), said great efforts were being made to reduce the cost of electricity from existing

Singing a happy song: Sir Colin Southgate. Thorn EMI chairman, was in upbeat mood as the group beat City expectations to report a 10.9 per cent profits rise, helped by the expanded music business (Tempus, page 28)

GPA set to unveil big losses

BY NEIL BENNETT

GPA Group, the troubled aircraft leasing company, will announce heavy losses early next year, mainly due to the costs of its abortive share offering. Sources said that GPA is

preparing audited accounts for the half year to the end of September. These will be released early in the New Year to assist the company in its simultaneous negotiations with its banks and aircraft munufacturers. The results are expected to show a heavy loss, and GPA is

also expected to show a loss for the full year. The first half will include a \$23 million provision for the cost of its \$800 million international share flotation which had to be abandoned in June. Most of the provision is intended to

cover legal fees. The company's figures will also be hit by the cost of repossessing 13 Boeing 737 from Vasp. the Brazilian airline, last month.

GPA's full-year figures for the year to March will also be weighed down by the cost of the refinancing plan, expected to be well over \$20 million. Citibank, the group's lead bank, hopes to complete the debt rescheduling early next year to allow the company to return to the capital market and launch a \$752 million aircraft lease portfolio securitisation, or Alps, to ease its cash shortage.

Shell UK and Hughes to make 1,100 redundant

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

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its location on the Manchester

SHELL UK and Hughes Rediffusion Simulation are to shed a total of 1,100 employees as they search for cost savings and increased efficiency in response to the

Shell UK is to shed 500 jobs at the Stanlow oil refinery at Ellesmere Port, Cheshire. Hughes, which makes aircraft simulators and forms part of General Motors of America, will shed 600 jobs at its Crawley plant in West Sussex.

Shell said the redundancies, amounting to more than a quarter of the refinery's 1,850 employees, were necessary to cut costs. Although volunteers are being sought, Shell acknowledged that some of the job losses were likely to be compulsory. Flexible working practices would be introduced as part of a modernisation programme to improve the plant's efficiency and help it meet tougher environmental standards. The company said blue collar and office staff would be affected. It said the return on investment at the

refinery had fallen to only 2 per cent because of a surplus of refining capacity in Europe and weak prices. In a letter to refinery workers. Dominic Boot, Stanlow's manager, said: "The environment in which we find ourny's 53 refineries worldwide.

Ship Canal limits its ability to sell products into Europe and The company indicated yesterday that it remains committed to the Stanlow site, where refining operations began in

1922. Shell is spending £35 million on environmental improvements. Shell said maintenance procedures had already been streamlines, and the study had identified ways in which additional training and increased worker flexibility could enable

staff levels to be reduced. At Hughes. Peter Quast. managing director, said the downturn in airline and defence markets had been deep-

er and more prolonged than

forecast. He foresaw long term structural changes in the company's markets and the

He said: "My priorities are

to secure the competitive future of the company and to protect the interests of both its customers and employees. The latest job cuts at Hughes affect a third of the 1,800 workforce. The com-

pany has already shed more than 1.000 workers during the past two years. A potential cutback of 275 workers at Shorts, the Belfast aerospace firm that employs 8,600, was signalled yesterday

with the issue of 90-day protective notices. The company said that it hoped compulsory redundancies could be

selves, and our expectation for the 1990s, is much tougher than was anticipated. The situation is very serious." Shell's Stanlow refinery is Tempus, page 28 | the fifth largest of the compa-

Emotional Sugar pleads with investors

BY ANGELA MACKAY AND COLIN CAMPBELL

SHAREHOLDERS in Amstrad, the computer group, were thoroughly "sugared" yesterday during a marathon five-hour annual meeting

Alan Sugar, the chairman who is spearheading a £113 million buyout of the group, harangued, cajoled and pleaded with his shareholders to approach his bid pragmatically and accept the offer. But he was unable to penetrate a wall of hostility from small

shareholders. When some of his shareholders accused Mr Sugar of trying to buy Amstrad's assets "on the cheap", he replied that he could not envisage the company ever returning to the heady days when profits were in excess of £100 million a

"I do not see another blockbusting product out there like personal computers," was his

bleak outlook. Almost overcome by emotion. Mr Sugar later told shareholders "I am your receiver. I am your liquidator. I am the one to shrink this





Amstrad protaganists: Alan Sugar, left, and Gideon Fiegel, head of the shareholders' club

company and I am giving you an exit at 30p a share."

One shareholder was applauded when he pleaded with Mr Sugar to have more courage at the eleventh hour. The only shareholder who supported Mr Sugar's bad

Many shareholders at the meeting in London maintained that the asset value was 46p per share and said Mr Sugar should pay more. But Mr Sugar, who is trying to buy the 66 per cent of Amstrad he does not own. said the company would have to make substantial profits before the share price hit that level. The shares closed unchanged at 28p last night.

Amstrad plunged to a £71 illion pre tax loss in the last financial year, in sharp con-trast to record profits of £160 million in 1988 at the height of the company's success in selling personal computers at compelitive prices.

Mr Sugar said: "I will be

"If I felt there was a plans to privatise."

very disappointed if we lose more money next year. In order for the shares to reach 100p, we would have to make pre-tax profits of £85 million. have no vision of this company ever making that

glimmer of hope that the shares would be 100p. I would not be making these The company ran into trou-

ble when competitors moved into the lucrative personal Amstrad lost market share. Mr Sugar's latest move to sell fax machines for about £299 for use in the home has not noved as successful. About 15,000 machines are selling

every month. Investors, some of whom have formed the Amstrad Shareholders' club, led by Gideon Fiegal, who says he speaks for 2 million shares. or just over 4 per cent of the company, will have a chance to vote on the buyout plan on December 10.

Meanwhile. Edward Northcote, of west London, who holds 1.000 shares, has lodged an appeal with the High Court to be heard on December 7. It will consider his claim that shareholders did not receive enough information before the proposal

Mr Sugar has pledged his 47 per cent stake in Tottenham Hotspur, worth about £4 million, as security on loans he has taken to pay for the bid. It is part of collateral he needed against a £43 million loan from Lloyds Bank.

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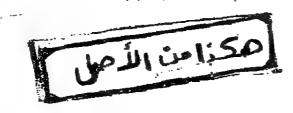
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Thorn EMI advances in harmony with Virgin

■ Analysts are looking forward to growing profits at Thorn EMI as Virgin Music makes an increasing contribution. Thorn also sees potential in the compact disc market

By COLIN CAMPBELL

from £6 million to £5.2

Sir Colin said there is still

much potential within the

compact disc market, and emphasised that Thorn EMI

continues to invest in all its

businesses to reinforce future

Sir Colin said: "We want to make sure Thorn EMI has

efficient businesses and the

right equipment for the time

when trading conditions turn

stronger."
He added that he was not a

forced seller of any interests. and that he was under no pressure from the City to de-

merge the group's core

The group is likely to benefit in the second half of the financial year from recent

exchange rate movements.

while year-end gearing is ex-pected to be broadly un-

changed, at about 50 per cent.

tion of Virgin Music with

EMI Music was proceeding well, and that relationships

with its leading artists have

share of the United Kingdom

rental market during the half

year, though the number of

installations was broadly un-

Turnover and profit figures

both advanced for the group's activities in the Asia Pacific

region. The group said that

further development of mar-ket opportunities in that part

of the world was likely.

Thorn EMI increased its

been safeguarded.

Sir Colin said the integra-

profitability.

THORN EMI, which this year bought Virgin Music from Richard Branson for £560 million, says the integration is going well. It expects Virgin to make a "significant" contribution to year-end

Sir Colin Southgate, the chairman, said Thorn EMI had done well in a recession to lift pre-tax profits from £94.9 million to £105.2 million in the six months to end-September on a turnover of £1.95 billion (£1.76 billion).

He added that the interim dividend would therefore will be raised from 8.6p to 9p a

Thorn EMI shares responded with a 20p rise to 795p

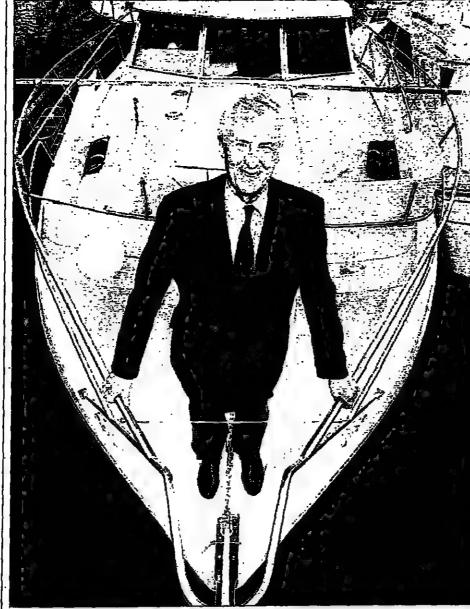
That advance was fuelled in part by analysts' belief that, after two successive years of lower profits and net earnings, the financial year ending March will be better.

Sir Colin said the group's core businesses of music and rental made respectable progress in difficult markets in the interim period, though he gave a warning that the trad-ing environment remains

tough.
Thames Television, which is 58.8 per cent owned by Thorn EMI, turned in £17.1 million of pre-interest profits, com-pared with £3.6 million previ-

But the group's security and electronics interests could only manage to break even, having earned pre-interest profits of

£8.9 million previously. Profits from the group's lighting interests also slipped.



Stormy waters: Sam Newington looks to sterling to steady the ship again

Fairline halves the dividend

FAIRLINE Boats, the Peterborough-based luxury power boat builder, has halved its dividend after reporting a pretax loss of £507,000 in the year to end-September, compared with a profit of 13 million last time.

The final dividend has been cut to 6.925p (13.85p) a share. making a total for the year of 10.5p (21p). There is a loss per share of 7p compared with earnings of 56p previously. Sales fell 21 per cent to £27.7 million (£35 million). UK sales fell 31 per cent and export sales declined 13 per

Direct exports now account

for 63 per cent of the compacomponents would rise. Howny's output, compared with 57 per cent last year. per cent last year. The devaluation of sterling

is expected to boost earnings in the longer term. Many recent orders were taken at the previous exchange rates. Shares in Fairline collapsed 103p to 325p in May when the company unveiled a first half loss. The shares rose 10p to 195p yesterday.

Sam Newington, chairman, sald Fairline had received a record level of order deposits

in October. The recent devaluation of sterling was excellent news, although the cost of imported ever, export orders taken at prices geared to the old exchange rates would not be as profitable as expected.

Mr Newington said: "De-valuation will give us the opportunity to restore margins. In the past it has always been significant for the company. Our order book is now very much better than I expected when we started the autumn selling season in

As a result of very heavy capital expenditure in the past, there would be no need to spend further large sums on fixed assets, he added.

Australian deal boosts. BT's global ambitions

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BT has won a ten-year con-tract, likely to generate £350 million of revenues, to provide a private telephone and data network for the New-South

The deal is the biggest single overseas contract se-cured by BT in its efforts to become an international specialist provider of managed networks for multinational customers and intensive

telecoms users.

BT's role will be to use its software to manage a network using links largely provided by AOTC. Australia's main elecoms utility, or Optus, its infant rival.

Such contracts provide the easiest route for BT to diversify overseas in markets where telecoms remain largely nat-ional monopolies. They also offer a chance to apply the company's sophisticated skills without the immense cost of

building new networks.

BT's ambitions are prompted by its desire to become a global player in an increasing-ly transnational business, and by competition in Britain, where Mercury and radiobased telephone systems are eroding BT's market share.

John Poston, sales director for the Asia Pacific region, said the New South Wales contract would enhance his company's credibility on bidding for similar management contracts with other organ-isations. Within two years, BT is to construct a private net-work linking 120,000 tele-phones and 23,000 computers at 5,000 sites.

The British telecoms company will also encourage the development of Australia's telecoms equipment manufacturing industry. BT will set up a software engineering centre in Sydney, which will establish links with local universities, sharing with them the fruits of research at its laboratories at Martlesham, Suffolk.

BT will also promote the use of Australian suppliers, and help them achieve international competitiveness where

Unilever paints bleak picture on trading

UNILEVER, the food and consumer products group, sees no signs of an improvement in trading conditions until at least the second half of next year, Floris Maljers, its Durch cochairman, said after a marketing seminar. He said that the economic situation was not getting any worse in America, but was still deteriorating in the United Kingdom. He added that the position in the rest of Europe was difficult to assess because of the present upheaval in the exchange rate

Despite the tough trading conditions. Unilever's earnings have shown resilience, helped by lower interest payments. Net third-quarter profit rose 4 per cent to 1:12 billion guilders (6410 million) on turnover of 20.14 billion against 19.54 billion in the year-ago period. Shares dropped 18p to 1.028p after the remarks by Mr Maljers in Rotterdam.

NSM trims loss

NSM, the heavily indebted coal mining group that recently completed a capital reorganisation, incurred a pre-tax loss of £1.2 million (£1.4 million loss) in the six months to end-September. Turnover declined to £56.8 million (£90.7) milion) after the sale of Bison, a supplier of reinforced concrete, and the closure of the building division in December 1991. There was a loss per share of 5.8p (6.1p) and no interim dividend (nil). Interest charges were reduced by £1.4 million to £4.8 million on the back of disposals.

Sims sales advance

BY LOWERING margins to increase market share, Sims Food Group saw pre-tax profits fall 26 per cent to £2.5 million in the six months to end-September, Sales were 23 per cent up at £144.2 million and were 10 per cent ahead excluding two acquisitions. The interim dividend stays at 3p. Problems faced included a fall in meat consumption, a shortage of UK beef supplies, abattoir overcapacity and uncertainty resulting from European common agriculture policy reforms. Devaluation of sterling should be of overall benefit.

H Young cuts dividend

H YOUNG. Holdings, the optical lenses to electronic components distributor, has cut its dividend after reporting pre-tax profits of £772,000 (£1.01 million) in the year to end-September. Turnover was £30.9 million (£31.4 million). Earnings per share were 3.5p (4.4p). A final dividend of 1p (4p) a share makes a total of 3p (5p) for the year. The company estimates that the wiftdrawal of sterling from the ERM reduced profits by £100 000. The loss-making profits are to the company estimates that the wiftdrawal of sterling from the ERM reduced profits by £100,000. The loss-making tool division based in Reading has been sold.

Evans to raise £75m

EVANS of Leeds is raising £75 million by issuing 11 percent debenture stock secured against properties. Proceeds will be used to refinance existing borrowings and to provide finance to expand the property portfolio. Evans made a pre-tax profit of £2.8 million in the six months to September, up from £2.6 million. The annual rent roll has increased from £18 million to £19 million with the letting of 250,000 sq ft of office and industrial space over the past six months. Evans is building 45,000 sq ft of offices to house Customs & Excise staff.

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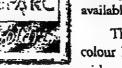
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Prices of

cars in UK

'51 per cent

too high'

BY OUR CITY STAFF PRE-TAX car prices in the UK

are still as much as 5 l per cent

higher than the cost of exactly the same model on the Conti-

nent, according to a new report. The findings are pub-

ished on the same day as the EC Commission pledged a

new crackdown on car manu-

facturers and dealers who

hinder consumers trying to take advantage of the savings

to be had by buying abroad. Beuc, the European con-

sumers' organisation, says that there will be no single market for cars when the trade

barriers fall throughout the

Community on January I

1993. The European car mar-

ket is characterised by price

differences between member

states, typically in excess of 40 per cent, and consumers try-

ing to import a car who face "serious, sometimes insur-mountable" obstacles, it says.

Manufacturers and natdemned for impeding custom-

ers looking for bargains,

despite EC competition rules stipulating that standard price differences for the same car in

different EC markets should

not exceed 12 per cent and

that customers must be free to import from elsewhere. The UK has the highest pre-

bax car prices, and procedures

for importing a car are among the "longest and most compli-cated" in the Community.

Beuc's latest survey shows no

real improvement, compared with 1989, according to Laura

Mosca, the organisation's chief economist and author of

the report. The latest survey compared retail prices of 13

car models. The most striking

disparity was a three-door 1196cc Opel Corsa, costing 51 per cent more in the UK

than in Belgium before tax.

Argyll offers cheer with turkey glut and profits rise

By MARTIN WALLER

QUONNO

WHILE the country and the high street squares up to what could be another frugal Christmas, at least one vital ingredient of the festive season should be a little more affordable this year. The price of turkeys is already almost 20. per cent lower than last year, according to Argyll Group, owner of the Safeway super-market chain.

Argyll fought low food prices generally - particularly in fresh produce - as well as the recession, to achieve a 15 per cent pre-tax profits rise to £205.1 million in the half-year

THE economy will grow by

0.5 per cent next year, only half as much as Norman

Lamont, the Chancellor, fore-cast in his Autumn Statement.

with unemployment rising throughout the year, accord-

ing to the Society of Business

The society's forecasting group predicts that weak re-covery will start in the second

quarter, but that a continued lack of confidence, fears about

unemployment, high personal debt and the subdued housing

market will dampen the re-

bound in activity. The weak

world background is expected to limit the improvement in

A further contraction of 0.5

per cent in the gross domestic product this quarter, despite the three-point cut in base rate

since mid-September, is ex-pected to produce a full point

fall for the whole of 1992, in

line with the Treasury forecast.

Although the group expects the real GDP to strike a more

respectable annual growth rate of 2.2 per cent in 1994, as

consumer demand and invest-

ment pick up, its longer-term assessment is -for -average

growth between 1993 and

1997 at a below trend 1.9 per cent. In the subsequent five

Lamont forecast for

growth challenged

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

Safeway will be importing cheap French turkeys for Christmas and opening 18 new stores as competition among food retailers hots up and prices for fresh produce fall

to October 10. The interim dividend is 3.55p (3.2p). David Webster, deputy chairman, said a glut of tur-keys dumped on the British market by market by market and market by mainly French producers had depressed the price, now 48p a pound against 59p on average last Christmas. He had no compunction in filling Argyll's shelves with French birds. Sir Alistair Grant, chair-

years, growth is expected to

Low growth into the next

century will be accompanied by low inflation, which will average 3.6 per cent for the next ten years, and average

earnings growth of an average 5.3 per cent, the forecast said.

Relatively weak growth is ex-

pected to leave unemployment

very high, averaging 2.75 million, or nearly 10 per cent of the workforce, over the

The society anticipates that

base rates rates, now at 7 per cent, will average 7.6 per cent over the next five years before easing back to 7 per cent for the subsequent five years. The pound is expected to average DM2.50 in 1993-97, falling to DM2.40 in 1998-2002.

to DM2.40 in 1998-2002.

A survey of the society's members, more than 600 economists from the City, industry and academia, showed that 78 per cent expect

GDP growth of zero to 2 per

cent next year. Only 7 per cent

expect another outright de-

per cent looking for base rate in excess of 8 per cent.

period until 2002.

average only 2.3 per cent.

in retailing when he said that further pleasing profits growth for the current year, expected by the market, would be subject to satisfactory Christmas trading.

Mr Webster said it was too early to take soundings on sales this Christmas. But he added: "We're well ple with what we achieved in the

> sharply."
> Food price inflation, which started the year at 3.6 per cent, finished in October at 1.6 per cent and ran at an average of 2 per cent in the first half, against double that last time. Prices in fresh produce were as much as 16 per cent lower year-on-year during some weeks of the autumn.

first half, particularly because inflation turned down so

man, emphasised the increas

ingly competitive conditions

Sir Alistair said 18 Safeway store openings in the second half would make a total of 26 this year, and by the year end, there would be 341 stores trading across a total of 7 million square feet of sales area. Safeway is committed to

a similar opening programme until at least 1995-6. Argyll's other food retail activities, mainly the predomi-nately Midlands and northern Lo-Cost and Presto operations, managed like-for-like profits advances despite difficult trading conditions.

A feature of last year's

accounts was an 88 per cent pay rise for Sir Alistair, as a three-year incentive bonus scheme came to fruition, pay-ing him an additional £444,000. A similar scheme started in March, based on share price and earnings per share, will cover the next three years. Argyll said it was too early to say if he could expect a similar benefit.

cline. On interest rates, the survey showed 47 per cent of respondents expecting base rate of ever 7 per cent and up to 8 per cent next year, with 36 The reported salary this year would be "very very much lower" because of the nonrecurrence of borruses, however, the company said.



Enjoying the fruits of Argyll's bonus scheme: Sir Alistair Grant, the chairman, who received an 88% pay rise

Vodafone rings up £160m in an expanding market

By OUR CITY STAFF

ther. LowCall, the low cost ser-

vice launched to counter rival

Ceilner's plans to broaden the mobile telephone market, has

started well. The group has so far attracted 24,000 subscrib-

Vodafone ended the half ear with net cash of almost

£158 million and funded £150

million of capital spending internally. Earnings rose 23

per cent to 10.76p a share, out

of which a half-year dividend of 3.43p, an advance of 20 per

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ers to LowCall.

cent, is to be paid.

VODAFONE, the mobile telephone company demerged from Racal just over a year ago, has reported first-half pre-tax profits up 23.4 per cent to £160 million on the back of sales 12 per cent higher at £320 million.

The group said the "market for mobile communications, although affected by the recession, continues to grow. The group is performing well and the results for the year should be good ".-

But the group said that it was unlikely to be able to increase profit margins fur-

Confidence rises among shoppers in America

By Our Economics Correspondent

AMERICAN consumers' confidence about economic prospects picked up sharply this month for the first time since June, in line with the recent spate of more encouraging economic indicators, accord-ing to the Conference Board.

With the presidential election over, the research group's confidence index showed a jump from 54.6 in October to 65.5 in November. Separate government figures, out yes-terday, added to the brighter picture. Orders for durable goods, defined as items expected to last more than three

gain for almost a year and a half, boosted by car and aircraft orders.

The October improvement was much stronger than Wali Street had expected and followed a rise of only 0.3 per cent in September. Despite yesterday's figures,

confidence has only recovered to a level consistent with a lackinstre recovery. More than two out of five

respondents to the survey still consider current conditions

Beuc is calling, among other things, for sanctions against dealers refusing to sell to foreigners and a new EC office to handle consumer com-plaints. Meanwhile, Sir Leon Brittan, EC competition commissioner, has told the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders that: "The commission confirms that it will actively intervene against measures, whether direct or indirect by car producers, importers or dealers which keep the Community divided into national markets."

priced at £59.4m

National Express, the long-distance coach operator, has priced itself at £59.4 million, at the lower end of the expected range of between £60 million and £80 million.

The flotation puts a value of £5.58 million on the bolding retained by Ray McEnhill. chief executive, and Adam Mills, deputy chief executive. They are seiling £619,700 of shares and led a £12 million management buy-in in July last year. Mr McEnhill and Mr Adams owned about a fifth of the equity that went

The shares have been priced at 165p each, an effective price earnings multiple of 12.

Amber ahead

into the buy-in.

Amber Industrial Holdings pre-tax profits were £1.5 million in the six months to September (£1.2 million). The interim dividend is 5.5p (4.5p). Kalamazoo in red

Kalamazoo, the computer

group, expects a profit for the year to March, despite a pretax loss of £86,000 in the first half (£1.5 million profit). The interim dividend is 0.25p (0.525p).

Apollo slides

Apollo Metals, the aluminium processing firm, saw pre-tax profits fall to £1.3 million (£2.03 million) in the year to end-September. An unchanged final dividend of 2.3p a share leaves the total at 3.45p.

Coach firm | Dawson International

DAWSON International, the textiles group, saw a fall in pretax profits for the six months to end-September from £16.2

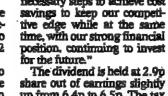
million to £15.5 million. The shares dipped 3p to 224p. Ronald Miller, the chairman, said: "I see no easing in recessionary pressures which have adversely

should be benefits from lower interest rates and more favourable foreign exchange rates in the UK, these have to be set against an international background with more countries experiencing the effects of

sees its profits slip By Our City Staff environment we are taking all necessary steps to achieve cost

impacted the half year. "Although in time there million write-down.

He added: "In this difficult



up from 6.4p to 6.5p. The tax charge fell from 30.7 to 27.8 per cent and the interes charge dropped from £3.7 million to £1.8 million. The results suffered from a £1

The Premier fibres and yarns division raised operatng profit from £7.4 million to £9.8 million, but Dawson consumer products slipped from £12.5 million to £8.5



Cooler climate: John Embury, left, and Ronald Miller

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group to

HUNTERPRINT is raising £20 million in a rights issue as part of a financial restructuring. The board says that the group will not be able to continue trading without the reorganisation.

The troubled group incurred a pre-tax loss of £12.2 million in the year to September 27, including a £3.8 million exceptional loss The final dividend is passed. It is honed that a nominal final will be paid next year.

The results mean a deficit on shareholders' funds of £8.6 million and bank borrowings of £12.2 million. The reorganisation will eliminate financial obligations on the group's finance and operating leases. Barciays Bank will provide new bank facilities.

To reduce the share capital, existing shares, down up to 5/2 p, will be consolidated with ten shares becoming one new 15p share and one 35p deferred share. The deferred shares will then be cancelled. The rights issue of 40 million new shares at 50p each will be placed by James Capel, subject to shareholders having the right to buy 2.23738 for every

The exceptional items include restructuring costs, writing down assets, payments to Sir lan MacGregor, the former chairman, for termination of his service agreement, and provisions for outstand-ing litigation.

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Pascoe jumps back to head sports firm

BY RODNEY HOBSON

ALAN PASCOE, the former British Olympic hurdler, is to take control of his sports sponsorship and event management company again. He heads a team buying Alan Pascoe Associates from Aegis, the media buying group, for a total of £1.5 million. For Aegis, the sale is an admission of

failure that crowns an already miserable year. Aegis is writing off £8 million on the deal and accepting responsibility for defending a court case brought against APA in America. Mr Pascoe, a director of Aegis and APA, and Edward Leask, a director of APA, have formed The Sponsorship Group to buy APA. They

will pay £1 million once the deal is approved by Aegis shareholders and another £500,000 in July next year. This agreement suits both companies.

It allows Aegis to focus its resources on its core business, while we continue to develop our UK operations, further tailoring our services to client requirements," said Mr Pascoe, who will leave the Aegis main board.

Aegis has agreed to take responsibility for claims against Alan Pascoe Associates, including a legal action brought against the company in the US over the marketing of soccer.

Alan Pascoe Associates was founded in 1971 as MSW Promotions and bought by Aegis in 1986. Companies in the group include Grand Slam Sports, a television production company, Sports Management, a perimeter advertising company, and Bagenal Harvey Organisation, a personality management company.

Alan Pascoe Associates made a pre-tax loss of £837,000 in 1991 and has made further losses this year in its international operations. It had net liabilities of £14.3 million, including asset write-offs and provisions for future losses. It owes the Aegis group £6.3 million.

This year Aegis has forced out its chairman, cancelled its stock market listings in Paris and New York and seen its rights issue flop. The shares - 215p a year ago - were unchanged at 20p.

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Upbeat tune returns Thorn EMI to favour

that Virgin Music, which chipped in an initial E5 million to group interim pre-tax profits, will make a "significant" contribution to yearend results goes a long way towards deflecting City criticism that Thorn paid a fancy price at £560 million to add to

While pre-tax profits rose 10.9 per cent to £105.2 million in the period ending September 30, and despite the increase in the interim dividend from 8.6p to 9p a share. Sir Colin Southgate. chairman, has yet to win all City hearts and minds over the question of net earnings. But come year end, he could well have won them.

Some earnings dilution after Thorn EMI's March rights issue of one-for-four at 650p to help pay for Virgin Music was expected, so the 6.9 per cent dip to 16.6p a ings comes as no surprise. But having already seen net earnings eased from a peak 63.4p a share in 1990, to 47.2p a share last year, the City tries out for relief.

The group's assertion that this financial year should show some improvement over the past two years is encour-aging, especially as life in retailing remains tough. Costs continue to be trimmed, poorly performing interests continue to be weeded out. Meanwhile, the core music business remains upbeat and integration of Virgin Music is

going well.

The interest charge is usefully lower at £15.5 million (£24.5 million), interest cover at 7.7 times will be higher by year end, and rationalisation measures taken recently should lead to annual savings of about £20 million.

There is a cloud over the outlook for brown goods and the group's defence interests. but an underlying performance of £289 million (£255.1



On line for a better year: Gerry Whent, of Vodaphone, said the LowCall tariff had got off to a "flying start"

£41 million from Virgin, should see year-end pre-tax profits at £330 million, for net earnings of 50.9p a share.

The shares a depressed market recently on Virgin doubts, rose 20p to 795p, to trade on 15.6 times prospec-tive earnings and are rightly

Argyll Group

ARGYLL Group is right to sound a note of caution over the competitive environment

the big food retailers are operating in as the vital Christmas period approaches. But the latest interim reporting season, now almost finished, suggests that the big three at least, Sainsbury. Tesco and Argyll's Safeway operation, have little to be too

After the lead of the other two. Safeway has shown impressive margin growth, of 0.7 percentage points to 7.3 per cent. Sales were up 10 per

may be over.

during the next few years.

and £1.35 billion the year after. He said: "There has

been far too much pessirnism.

We have always been bears of

the sector, but estimates are

now far too low. We expect a

big recovery in bad debt

Mr Aitken is also looking

for a better performance from

County's parent, National

Westminster, up 3p at 387p.

where he is forecasting profits

will rise from £450 million this

year to £1.4 billion in 1994.

There were also gains in Lloyds of 6p to 507p, Royal

Bank of Scotland, 4p to 185p.

and Abbey National, op to

The rest of the equity market

spent a volatile session, with

share prices wiping out an

early fall of almost 20 points.

helped by an encouraging

performance from the pound which led to renewed talk of a

further cut in base rates soon.

gilt market was firmly focused

on details of the latest auction

of government stock.

The Bank of England is is-

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leading to suggestions that

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of growth from new stores, one point like-for-like from existing stores and two points from inflation. Operating profits were ahead 22 per cent The advance has come from

the familiar mix of factors that has allowed food retailers to outstrip most other sectors of the economy, from concen-tration on more higher-value products, such as ready meals, and from gains from more cost-effective super-stores already opened. This

last should result in some stackening of margin growth into the second half, given that this period will see the majority of openings for this ness on freehold sites makes its expansion programme relly expensive. Puture

ingly from both. Tony MacNeary, at County NatWest, has scaled back his view on this year's profits before tax by a couple of million pounds to £420 milyear's high yesterday, on a against 17 for Sainsbury and little more than 11 for Tesco. They remain a core holding.

Vodafone

VODAFONE, thought of in the City as Racal's better half, has tracked the performance of the FT-Actuaries All-Share index so closely this year it is meanry. It sank when the market thought Labour would win the general election in April, soured when the Conservatives got in, then fell again when dealers realised the green shoots of recovery had dropped off in the winter

In the past few weeks, Vodafone has begun to out-pace the FT-A index as the launch has got underway of the LowCall tariff for infrequent users of portable telehones. The question facing vestors, however, is whether Vodafone's outperformance

One clue lies in the market reaction to yesterday's fig-ures. The shares rose only 14p to 401p despite a better than expected rise in pre-tax profits of 23.4 per cent to £160.2 million and a bigger than expected dividend rise of 20

per cent to 3.43 p.

Gerry Whent, Vodafone chief executive, said that LowCall had got off to a flying start, attracting "flying start", attraction 24,000 subscribers so far. Brokers expect £320 million from Vodasone in the

year to March (£272 million). This produces 21.6p of carnings, putting Vodatone on an earnings multiple of 18.6 at yesterday's share price. A dividend of 7p for the full year (5.8p) would put the shares on a prospective yield of 2.3 per cent. At such ratings, the shares seem well up with corrent events but are reassuringly thought of in the City

half-year figures. Pre-tax prof-

its were up from £94.9 million City forecast's that profits

would see a small downturn.

Thorn said that most of the

improvement had stemmed

from improved performances

by the music division and

video and television rental.

Meanwhile, the group has been cutting costs with the sale

of some of its Rumbelows store

chain. But Sir Colin South-

gate, the chairman, gave a

warning that the outlook re-

Half-year figures from

Vodafone, the mobile tele-

phone operator, also made pleasant reading, with pre-tax

profits up 23 per cent at £160

million. The company now

boasts 750,000 subscribers

with the network covering 90

per cent of the country. The

shares responded with a rise of

Unilever, the Anglo/Dutch

food and household products group, fell 19p to £10.27 after Floris Maljers, the co-chair-

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Dow moves higher in early trading

New York - Blue chips were firm in morning trade as bargain hunting, particularly for technology issues, gave support, traders said. They added that the market overall was lacking momentum despite a rise in durable goods for October, a 3.9 per cent

vised 0.3 per cent rise.

Robert Walberg, an MMS
International anlayst, said: "There's no catalyst to really boost the market." The Dow Jones industrial average was up 22.42 points to 3.245.46. In the broad market, advancing shares led declining issues nix to five. ☐ Tokyo — Shares pushed

their winning streak into a fourth day to close firmer but offearly highs in quiet trade. A widespread sense that the market has bottomed and the start of a parliamentary debate on the government's supplementary budget cheered senti-ment, brokers said. The Nikkei average was up 62.49 points, or 0.37 per cent, to 17.096.09.

☐ Hong Kong — Shares finished sharply higher on bar-

gain hunting, simed mainly at China-concept issues, but turnover remained light, brokers said. The Hang Seng index rose 77.55 points, or 1.3 per cent, to close at 5,972.52 after pushing within a few points of the key 6,000 level. Singapore — Shares ended mixed with profit taking alternating with selective accumulation, brokers said. The Straits Times industrial index ended 0.13 point higher at 1,419.34. Falls led gains by 128 to 99.

☐ Sydney closed slightly higher as optimism continued and heavy activity in Westpac and Sagasco boosted turnover. The All-Ordinaries index closed 3.7 points higher at 1450:2 after profit-takers took the index off a peak of 1454.3. ☐ Frankfurt — The Dax mdex ended floor trade at the day's low after sliding in the first half of the session on dashed hopes for a German rate cut, an easier dollar and poor earnings outlooks for two blue chips. The Dax closed at 1,510.28 points, down 20.61 from Monday's close. (Reuter)

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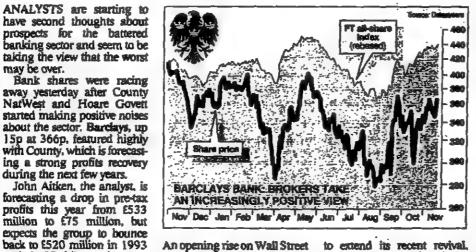
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An opening rise on Wall Street of more than 30 points, on the back of the latest American Consumer Confidence Index. also cheered sentiment. The index ended the session 4.2 higher at 2,727.1.

Turnover remained modest. with only 578 million shares changing hands. It was dear

that many of the movements

spending spree soon. Boots rose 11p to 497p, Dixons 8p to 238p, Kingfisher Sp to 559p, Marks and Spencer 2p to 324p, and WH Smith A 15p to 475p. Argyll, the Saleway supermarket chain.

BUYERS were out in force for Queens Most Houses, the hotel chain, up 1/2 p at 43 p as 7 million shares changed hands. They have shamped from 92 p to 26 p this year on debt worries. But hopes are high that some good news may be on the way.

in the index were generated by activity on the futures market, where a seller of 700 contracts, equivalent to 700,000 shares, made his presence felt. But the day after UBS Phillips & Drew was reckoned to have started buying the future. The stores sector continued

finished the session 9p lower at 364p after reporting half-

profits up 15 per cent at £205.1 million. Sales were 10 per cent higher.
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GPA faces lower flying future

MARKETS

ebuilding GPA's financial engine will be a long haul if the banks agree not to scrap it altogether. The loss to be declared for the sixmonths to end-September will have plenty of one off factors, but is a pointer to much leaner times ahead. The golden days are gone for a long time. GPA would probably emerge in quite different shape, and perhaps in different hands.

The groups that have a say in the survival of Tony Ryan's remarkable creation have strong mutual vested interests in keeping GPA in the air. Aircraft manufacturers need the markets that GPA has opened up, beyond those that are served by other means: in China, the former Eastern bloc and Latin America. Some banks and financial institutions are competitors, but would dread the impact on aircraft values of a collapse, not least because the total aircraft. market would shrink without GPA's expertise and distribution system. Financial institutions that own GPA shares or paper are among those that would suffer from the likely ensuing depression of the market for mature aircraft operating leases as

Unlike a conventional business that has over-extended its range and run into a liquidity storm, GPA cannot separate its financial standing from trading. They are intertwined. Loss of financial status damages profit-earning capacity. In essence, GPA makes turns on the torrent of assets and finance passing through its books. These returns will shrink. If loans are refinanced, interest costs will rise, albeit in a climate of lower interest rates. Lower standing on the bond markets will have the same effect. That is likely to shrink lease margins. In recent years, most of GPA's profits have come from sales of mature leases. These sales realised the discounts GPA was able to extract from manufacturers because it could buy in quantity and fill order books. Manufacturers will surely agree to waive order commitments but will want to shrink those discounts in return. Investors in aircraft leases will also demand higher returns as their investment standing falls.

In the heady days of expansion, GPA took on several contingent liabilities that seemed small at the time, but which will now be examined closely by bankers. Provided these do not cause too much alarm, the finance and aircraft industries will want to help GPA back on its feet. Hopes that management will just pick itself up, dust itself off and start all over again to trawl the market for large refills of capital, still look optimistic. A different GPA might emerge, acting more as service business and less as principal. at least until it can restore its ratings.

Testing the Buba

embers of the Bundesbank council meeting this morning will not be in a good mood. On one flank, triumphant speculators are having another go at the franc, whose defences look weaker today than in September, when sterling was their main target. That has intensified the chorus of political pressure from Paris, via Brussels and London, for Germany to cut interest ranks to shore up the remaining ERM core. Back on the home front, high interest rates have not yet had the desired effect on money supply, which would have allowed the Bundesbank to cut rates again without losing face. Money growth should look less feverish in the new year, but that could be too late to rebuff the speculative hordes. Meanwhile, the European Commission's attempt to develop EC economic management from Brussels and browbeat will smely dent any illusions in Frankfurt that the Maastricht assurance of independence for an EC central bank will be worth the paper it is printed on.

Western investors falter at factory gates of Russia's brave new world

The move to a market economy has resulted in in soaring interest

rates and inflation.

Bruce Clark analyses a business in transition

n the days of Good King Gorbachev, loreign visitors who wanted to see perestroiks in action would sometimes head for the grimy buildings in northern Moscow called the Low Voltage Electrical Equipment Factory. Under the guidance of its energetic general manager, Yuri Korolyov, they could observe what for several years was one of the very few manufacturing units in the country to have transformed itself into a private co-operative.

Last year, as the Soviet Union was in its death throes, the enterprise confirmed its trail-blazing reputation by becoming one of the first to proclaim itself a joint stock company, with a trailer than the company. with articles, share certificates and dividends that superficially resembled those of a western firm. In yet another innovation, Mr Korolyov invited a Singapore maker of electronic goods to put up half the initial capital, thereby becoming one of the first outsiders to take an equity stake in Russian manufacturing. For the investor, a businessman

with a long-standing presence on the Moscow market, 6 million roubles then about \$50,000 - must have seemed an inexpensive way of buying a half-share in a factory employing 1,600 people. During those twilight years, when people still thought the Soviet system could be reformed. even perfected, rather than abolished, Mr Korolyov would eagerly tell visitors the merits of his decision to declare partial independence from the state planning system. For one, it gave the management more freedom to allocate resources between its various product lines: circuit boards. hair driers, extension cords, small motors and so on. As long as the factory promised to remain in the same broad sector of light electrical goods, its relations with the state bureaucrats, who were still quite powerful, would be quite cordial. For another, the co-operative structure, and later the share option scheme, were seen as ingenious ways of motivating and retaining employees when (incredible as it now seems) every Russian manager was com-plaining of a labour shortage. Eleven months after the Soviet

Union ceased to exist, those breezy comments seem light years away. If the factory, now with the catchier name of Progress-Elektro, was once a model of perestroiks, that was because its problems, and its valiant efforts to overcome them, were absolutely typical of the late Soviet period.

Now, in the economic roller-coaster called independent Russia, the comany faces an entirely different set of blessings and curses; and it provides a revealing microcosm of the economy in which Boris Yeltsin is inviting British businessmen to invest. A year



With money, you can get anything you want": Yuri Korolyov, general manager of Progress-Elektro, once a model of perestroika

ago, the situation facing Mr Korolyov - a genial, no-nonsense pragmatist - would have been familiar to a western production manager, or to some extent a personnel manager, but baffling for a western accountant. With interest rates and input prices kept artificially low, he was never subjected to anything a westerner would recognise as financial discipline.

Nor was marketing an issue anything he could physically produce was bought automatically by other enterprises in the state planning system or, in the case of consumer goods, snapped up by a desperately under-supplied public. The manag-er's task lay in caloling a vast array of suppliers across the Soviet Union and beyond into honouring contracts, in hiring and keeping labour, and in fire-fighting whenever problems aruse on the assembly line. Now, with the price of everything, including credit, labour and raw materials, deregulated and soaring. Mr Korolyov lives in a different world.

Procuring inputs is much easier, as long as one is prepared to pay handsomely and they do not come from one of the many former Soviet regions enguifed by ethnic conflict, Elektro had an associate company. "With money, you can get anything you want," says Mr Korolyov, echoing a comment heard a dozen times a day in different contexts as Russians adjust to the realities of the market. The workforce has been reduced to 600, while their average monthly pay packet has more than quintupled to keep pace with inflation. Markets are now being analysed much more closely: sales to the crisis-stricken heavy industrial sector have plunged, leaving some parts of the factory idle. while demand for consumer goods remains remarkably buoyant, despite huge increases in prices. Sales to other former Soviet republics have also plummeted, reflecting the collapse of the arcane accounting system under which different parts of the union conducted their commerce. With annual interest rates well into three figures, the company is wary of borrowing money and tries to finance any re-tooling from internally-generated resources as far as possible.

Il this might suggest that Progress-Elektro, where busts of Lenin were much in evidence until a year ago, is making a healthy, if painful, transition to the free market. The snag is that inflation rates of up to 25 per cent a month, and a rouble exchange rate that has plunged from 120 per dollar in January to about 400 now, make it nightmarishly difficult to plan almost anything at all. "If only the economic situation

would stabilise, even at a low level," Mr Korolyov sighs, along with every other industrial manager in the country. Next year, his accountants are hazarding a guess that nominal turnover will be a little over 1 billion roubles, on which they hope to make

a pre-tax profit of about 140 million. Yet given that they also expect average prices to be at least five times higher, that will be a real-terms drop on this year's expected results, which project a profit of 80 million roubles on turnover of about 250 million.

For the 6 million rouble stake, the Singaporean investor will this year receive about 16 million roubles, half the total dividend payout; at the present exchange rate, that amounts to about \$40,000, which must rate as a handsome return on an admittedly risky investment.

Today's exchange rate makes the factory-gate price of Progress-Elektro's extension leads competitive internationally, at just over \$1 apiece. A Middle Eastern customer has expressed interest in a long-term contract worth \$2 million dollars a year, which could double the compamy's turnover.

So far, few investors have ventured into the market. The first reason is that legislation makes it difficult for foreigners to acquire roubles in commercially significant amounts, and equally hard to convert any profits back into hard currency. These are some of the anomalies that the Russian president promised to correct when he addressed the London Stock Exchange this month. Yet he will run into political problems at home if he opens up the country's industry for sale at what will seem to nationalistically minded Russians to

be absurdly cheap prices. Second, even it becomes legally easier to buy into Russian factories, few Westerners would have the local knowledge needed to make intelligent investment decisions — unless like the Singaporean, they happened to speak fluent Russian and have been watching the enterprise in question for several years.

Mr Korolyov's partner has enough confidence in local management to avoid interfering in its work; and as the Progress-Elektro boss admits, neither he nor any other Russian manager would take kindly to being ordered around by a foreigner with a controlling stake

Having visited Progress-Elektro three times in the past two years, I paid my latest call with two British friends, one a civil servant with a background in economics and the other a management consultant. To other a management consultant. To Mr Korolyov's sensible-sounding comment that foreign investors should "get on with small deals instead of talking endlessly about huge ones", my civil servant friend made the equally reasonable rejoinder that the Singaporean's investment was perhaps not as cheap as it sounded. Before spending \$60,000 in an intelligent way the sugrapore in an intelligent way, the average Westerner without local knowledge would have to spend nearly that amount on airfares, hotels and local advice. As for the management consultant. I had warned him we might find Mr Korolyov depressed.

"He is much less depressed than many of the factory directors I meet in Wolverhampton," he observed.

Warren buries the hatchet

JUST when you thought mudfading away, there come re-ports of a fascinating scene at the Plaisterers Hall last week. Kenneth Warren, former Tory MP and chairman of the select committee on trade and industry, was said to have erupted, spilling wine down his front, and uttering cries of "conspiracy" after finding himself seated next to Peter Bolliger, Swiss managing director of the Knightsbridge store. Warren, while present with Bolliger at the dinner, held by the Hong Kong Development Council, denies such anti-social, though colourful, behaviour. He has had run-ins with Harrods in the past — observers will recall talk of a dirty tricks campaign being waged against him -but says that contrary to reports, he used the dinner on Thursday to make friendly overtures. "There was no red wine spilt. I was not incensed, but I did say to Bolliger it was amazing to be sitting opposite him and we agreed to have lunch together. I think I even offered to pay," Warren says. He is now "looking forward to catching up with Harrods. I bear them no ill will," he says.

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Down at heel

LET them have shoes ... For those who are down on their uppers, Goldman Sachs, the American investment bank, has come up with a revolutionary idea for its Christmas appeal. Instead, of writing out fat cheques, the bank, inspired no



doubt by its sumptuous offices on the corner of Fleet Street and Shoe Lane, is asking its 1,300 well-shod employees to donate a pair of their old shoes to London's homeless. Collection boxes for the worn-out soles have been placed, some-what unhygienically, outside its snack bar. The appeal has already provoked embarrassment and engendered many bad taste jokes in-house about low-budget ways of helping the down-at-heel.

Lock and keys

WHEN is a strong room not a strong room? As Barclays cuts 500 branches, potential buy-ers of its old premises would be well advised to double-check the strong room is intact, as Bardays seems to be somewhat mealy-mouthed on the subject. Tony Good, the public relations man, has just bought Barclays' old Pewsey branch and, to his intense irritation; has found that Barclays has removed the lock and keys to his strong room. "The estate agents particulars specified a

strong room. To my mind, by delimiton it can't be a strong room unless you can lock it." Good fumes. David Tumer head of Barclays property divi-sion, argues lockability is irrelevant. "It looks like a strong room, it has a door like a strong room, it is a strong room," he insists. According to Turner, Barclays removes the locks - replacement value £5,000 - not out of meanness but for security reasons, but with 500 sets of keys soon to be jangling loose, word is policy may soon have to be reversed.

Going solo

AFTER being forced to re-write his business cards 14 times in 20 years, while re-maining at the same address throughout, Simon Barrow. 55, is about to go solo. Barrow is the last surviving director of the old Charles Barker group who is still at its former offices at 30 Farringdon Street, despite numerous changes in the firm's name and ownership. The firm became BNB Resources in 1989, after it sold the Charles Barker name for £10 million to Corporate Communications, and Barrow stayed on as chief executive of Barkers Human Resources. He is now buying its People in Business consultancy, investing some of the windfall he made on the float of Charles Barker in 1986. "It's all part of the strange amoeba-like history of Number 30," Barrow says. With clients like Boots and Esso moving with him. his fifteenth business card should prove his longest last-

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Amstrad patience could be rewarded

From Mr John S. Gaskin Sir, Being a small individual shareholder who, as Mr Sugar rightly supposes in his letter (Business Letters, November 16) does not understand "the technical nature of these complicated transactions" (to buy my Amstrad shares back with my money, apparently— at a price much lower than I paid for them), I feel the need of some explanation why I should not hold on to my shares in the hope that mine will benefit as much as his from whatever plans he has for the future. He aheady owns 34 per cent of the shares,

as he reminds us, and hopes soon to own many more, presumably because he believes they can be made worth more than the price now offered. With that in mind, and the duty of Mr Sugar and his board to deal fairly as between themselves and other shareholders, it seems to me reasonable to suppose that the value of my shares, as well as his, may rise if I am willing to be patient. Yours faithfully

JOHN S. GAŠKIN. 5 Meadow Lane, Leatherhead, Surrey.

Water company rejects monthly payment

Sir, I cannot accept Janet Langdon's assurances on behalf of the Water Services Association that there is no need for customers to pay in advance for water. My own supplier, the East Worcester Water Company, offers two alternatives. These are payment in two annual instal-ments at the beginning of each half year or payment by direct debit in eight monthly instalments from April to

November. This year I arranged standing order for 12 equal payments on the first of each month. This was rejected out-

right by the water company. When I appealed to Ofwat they told me that the water companies are legally entitled to payment in advance and that, although they may offer other options at their discretion, the actual method of payment is not negotiable. If I were in business I would

regard a guaranteed payment in advance on the first of each month as highly satisfactory. 1 wonder if the water companies pay their suppliers in advance? Yours faithfully, DAVID R. WAY,

Redesmere, Greenhill Park Road, Evesham, Worcestershire.

NatWest Fame at the customer's expense

From Mrs Stella Spiegl Sir, I venture to suggest that NatWest's plans codenamed Project Fame (November 18) to completely rebuild its 2,700 branches, will not meet customers demands. In fact, quite the opposite since the customer will be paying for it all.

The customer is interested

this case bank charges, and I daresay most would be content

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for our money. Yours faithfully. STELLA SPIEGL Scientific Era Publications, 6 St George's Street,

Fixing the rate From N. A. D. Grant

Sir, The letter from David Metcalfe (November 12) concerning the calculation of finance house base rate (FHBR) indicates some misunder standing of how FHBR is calculated.

The method used by the association to calculate FHBR has been in place for over 20 years and is wholly objective. the association having no discretion in the maner but working to an agreed formula based upon the three month inter-bank rate. For the calculation, a leading firm of money brokers takes a weekly average of the three month inter-bank rate at 11.00 each working day. This weekly rate is then notified to the association which, on the last working day of each month, calculates FHBR by averaging the last eight weekly figures and rounding up the resulting figure to the next half point.

In a time of falling interest rates there will obviously be a time lag before FHBR follows suit. In a time of rising interest rates FHBR will be below base rate for a period of time.

The rationale behind this calculation is reviewed regularly, although any future change would not effect agreements in force. N. A. D. GRANT (Director),

Finance & Leasing Association. 18 Upper Grosvenor St, SW1.

Power of competition

From Mr E. P. Sharman Sir, Commenting in Business News (November 18) on National Power's profit increase of 10 per cent you state: "The increase came at a time of heavy overcapacity in generating plant, strong electricity prices and the first downturn in power demand for a decade." So much for government inspired competition. Sincerely,

E. P. SHARMAN, 9 Hill Close, Learnington Spa.

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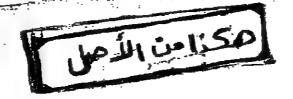


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How the BBC beat its critics

The publication of the BBC green paper comes at the end of a decade of scrutiny. Peter Fiddick and Melinda Wittstock report

attack from its critics, mainly led by Margaret Thatcher and free market or right-wing Tories, the BBC yesterday won an important victory when the green paper on its future affirmed the Major government's commitment to its role as Britain's purveyor of public service broadcasting financed by the licence fee.

Ten years ago, when the then Mrs Thatcher was in Downing Street, the outlook was distinctly more threatening, not to say omi-nous. Few would have thought that the survival into the 21st century of a BBC, funded by a licence fee, was even the remotest possibility. After victory in the Falklands conflict, Mis Thatcher, soon to win a resounding victory in the 1983 election, was nearing the zenith of her fortunes and inching to do something, anything, about the arrogant BBC. Meanwhile, under Alasdair Milne, appointed direc-tor-general in 1982, the BBC was nearing the nadir of its fortunes.

Its neutral reporting during the Falklands conflict — which refused to join the jingoistic tabloid language of "our boys" - had already irritated Mrs Thatcher. Then, within the next four years, the BBC suffered a disastrous series of bhinders. For Mr Milne they were

First an interview with a Sinn Fein activist was broadcast in the Real Lives programme. Then in "Maggie's Militant Tendency" Panorama alleged that there were links between Conservative MPs and ultra right-wing groups. A subsequent libel action ended with a BBC apology, the payment of damages and costs to two Tory MPs, and a bill of £500.000.

After the BBC's reporting of the Libyan bombing raid, Norman Tebbit, then chairman of the Tory party, produced a dossier alleging bias in the coverage. It showed the need for a thorough reappraisal of BBC standards, he declared. The final blunder followed within a year when the BBC was forced to withdraw Project Zircon. a programme on Britain's secret spy satellite. According to hostile Toonly of lack of political judgment and declining standards but of an absence of editorial control.

The Thatcher government had aiready struck against the BBC by appointing Professor Alan Peacock to chair an enquiry into its financing. Professor Peacock, now Sir Alan, seized the opportunity to widen his remit and the report turned into a wide-ranging manifesto for injecting market forces into

broadcasting.
But the fact that the then home secretary, Leon Brittan, set it up for a more specific purpose in March 1985 is a reminder of how long has been the period of political scrutiny. That scrutiny now enters a new public phase with the publication of the green paper, originally prepared by David Mellor and published yesterday by Peter Brooke,

the heritage secretary.

The Zircon affair proved to be the last nail in Mr Milne's coffin. Douelas Hurd, who had succeeded Leon Brittan as home secretary. appointed "Duke" Hussey, a former chief executive of Times Newspapers with a reputation as a tough-minded manager, as BBC chairman. His job was to bring the BBC under control. Within months, Mr Milne was fired and replaced by Michael Checkland. Meanwhile the looming satellite

revolution was posing a more longterm threat to the BBC. The arrival of new satellite channels would fragment audiences both for the BBC and ITV: what justification would there be for a universal licence fee if the BBC's share of the television audience dropped to about 30 per cent? That question was hardly ad-

dressed in the White Paper on, Broadcasting in the 1990s published by Mr Hurd in 1988. Instead the pressure from Downing Street became focused on restructuring ITV. But they did not leave the BBC untouched — as one of the more bizarre incidents in the history of broadcasting policy-making vividly illustrates.

In the summer of 1988, shortly after Rupert Murdoch astonished media and politicians alike by

fter a decade under fierce ries, the BBC stood accused not announcing the launch of a chutch of new channels via the Limenbourg-based Astra satellite, the chairman and chief executives of the BBC and IBA were summoned to a meeting with the trade and

industry secretary, Lord Young.
He announced to them, and promptly published, his proposal to add BBC2 and Channel 4 to the "official" British satellite, being set up by the BSB consortium. Mr Murdoch's rival. After a brief transition period, their terrestrial broadcasts would cease, thereby giving an incentive to people to buy dishes for the non-Murdoch satellite and simultaneously freeing two more transmitter networks for more commercial competition

be idea was laughed out of court (what politician would deprive the public of half their "free" television?) by the following Tuesday. but was notable for two reasons: the broadcasting leaders. BBC included, felt obliged to treat it at the time with due solemnity, and it illustrated the division between Lord Young and his advisers on the one side and Mr Hurd's Home Office. The latter, supposedly responsible for broadcasting policy, had no pre-knowledge of Lord Young's move

and helped to get it ditched. The good news from Mr Hurd's white paper for the BBC was that it

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Act some ITV companies paid far









At the helm of the corporation: from left, Alasdair Milne, John Birt, Marmadake Hussey, Michael Checkland









Pulling the political strings: from left, Professor Alan Peacock, Lord Young, David Mellor, Douglas Hund

was described as the cornerstone of public service broadcasting. Advertising on BBC programmes was again ruled out. The really bad news was that it looked forward to the eventual replacement of the Yet even though the heat had

now been turned on to ITV, the BBC mandarins could not forget that their turn would come again. That was a reason, if not an excuse, for their failure to join in the wider

debate, which caused lasting resentment among their ITV peers. It was also a reason for their continued failure to raise their own flag, this past year and more: the word from Whitehall was that it would be etter to wait until the government had put forward its own views.

Mr Checkland and John Birt, his deputy who succeeds him as director-general in the New Year, have put their period to constructive use. Mr Checkland first came to profes-

sional prominence in 1979, with a paper on drama costs that indicated a resources manager who wanted to get programmes on the screen. As director-general, this was to be his prime task. Though the ITV companies alone faced the rigours of the coming auction, both giants of the "cosy duopoly" were put under the pressure of what, though done by Mr Hurd's ministerial diktat without need for legislation, was arguably the single most

cy after the founding of Channel 4: the insistence that they move to-wards taking 25 per cent of their programmer from independ Whatever the truth about the

important act of broadcasting poli-

promise of preferences by his mentor, Mr Hessey was made more manifest in the man compen tive manner of his being the succession, the two lines had to cut staff jobs while patinising to retain the BBC's core circlisity.

Their inability, at least until now to express whatever visitie other or both of them has; has given the Checkland years an image, with his own staff, that he did not deserve of a BBC focused more on the bottom line than on the screen.

Tomorrow the BBC publishes its own 90-page reply to the govern-ment, its vision of how the BBC should meet the teeming challenges from satellite channels and the new PTV companies which start broadcasting in January. That vision has been in preparation for nearly 18 months. The BBC is not yet off the book. It now needs to start setting its own agenda.

too much, some far too little for their licences. The businessmen have taken over from the creative people and the new and the old do not share a sense of calling. Now the government wants to do something about the BBC. It is not clear what the something is

but there is a lack of political will to leave the BBC alone and let the reformers within the BBC get on

Despite some shortcomings, the

BBC has a large number of supporters in this country who wish it well and want it to continue in the role it has occupied for so long. Inevitably there will have to be changes but the changes are being made by the people within the BBC.

There are two points of impor-tance. The BBC seeks to be distinctive, different from all the other television channels now available. To achieve this, it must remain the major broadcaster. The corporation must continue to make the bulk of its programmes

— 75 per cent — in house, in its own studios with its own creative.

The second point is the licence fee. The green paper makes it pretty clear that for the next charter period the BBC will continue to be financed by the licence fee. It is the size of the fee and the size of the increase that matter. This is one of the main issued to be settled in the months ahead. The problems within the corpo-

ration are nearer a solution. The chairman, Marmaduke Hussey, now has the director-general he wants in John Birt. It is time for the chairman and the board of

governors to step back and allow the man they chose to get on with it in his way.

The BBC should set up its own

independent enquiry, chaired by someone such as Sir John Harvey Jones or Lord Windlesham, to hear the views of the nation. With the future of the BBC at stake this is an excellent chance for the corporation to hear from those who matter — the people who tune

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DISABLED LIVING

Legal moves offer disabled people some hope of fairer treatment, Desmond Dearlove reports

All we demand is our rights

hen President Bush signed the Americans With Disabilities Act in 1990 and said "Let the shameful wall of exclusion finally come tumbling down", the act gave civil rights protection to disabled people in the United States. Yet for many of the 6.5 million disabled people in the UK today, that wall remains as formidable as

The social and political landscape in 1992 suggests that British society is organised solely for the benefit of non-disabled people, who form 90 per cent of the population. What is less clear, however, is how public transport, for example, can truly be called public when it fails to take account of the basic needs of one in ten of those it is supposed to serve.

The position of disabled people in British society has not improved significantly since the second world war." says Richard Wood, the direc-



tor of the British Council of Organisations of Disabled People (BCODP), which acts as an umbrella for the growing number of organisations run by disabled people.

"Disabled people have the highest unemployment at more than 60 per cent. There is still no integrated housing system. We are prevented from using public transport. And more than 70 per cent of us rely on government benefits." Bert Massie, the director of

the Royal Association of Dis-ability and Rehabilitation (Radar), says spending cut-backs mean that local authorities are also shuking their legal responsibilities — under the 1970 Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act — to provide services such as mealson-wheels and home helps to those who need them. "At Radar we now have two people working full-time to remind local authorities of those legal responsibilities", he says, "but it is very worrying that disabled people have to fight for what legal rights they

In employment, too, legisla-tion to protect disabled people is all lip-service and no teeth. The quota scheme introduced by the 1944 Disabled Persons Employment Act is largely impotent. Figures for 1990 show that fewer than 5 per cent of public sector organisations fulfilled their obligations. tions. Yet, since the act's introduction it has been used to bring only ten prosecutions.

All this could change if a bill



Heading into a better future? The disability movement is gathering momentum with the emphasis on integration. The Duet wheelchair tandem has been developed by Neatwork (0890 3456)

(disabled persons) bill intro-duced by Alf Morris, Labour MP for Wythenshawe, will be passed when it returns to the House of Commons are drasti-cally reduced as it is a private member's bill and lacks the

force of government backing.

Against this background the disability movement in the UK has been gathering momenmm. This month the move-All this could change if a bill ment received a significant now in the House of Lords becomes law. However, the chances that the civil rights from the Law Society's em-

ployment law committee eff-ectively demolished a longstanding argument, used by successive governments, that

legislation to protect disabled people from discrimination by employers was unworkable. Using their experience of existing anti-discrimination laws, and considering the recently introduced American egislation in particular, comminee members concluded that new laws similar to those banning discrimination by employers on the grounds of rights legislation similar to

that in America." Joe Hennessy, the support services director at the Muscular Dystrophy Group, says: "I think everything hinges on getting the anti-discrimination legislation in place to give disabled people access to amenities spirated by supplying nities enjoyed by everybody else. That is why our group, although primarily a medical research charity, is a member

sex and race could be effective in the UK.

However, new laws to prevent discrimination in jobs will not succeed until the basic infrastructure barriers are tackled. After all, a legal right to protection at work is useless if structural discrimination in housing and transport make it impossible to get to work in the first place. "Disabled people need access to the full range of opportunities." Mr Wood says. "The only way to address these issues is through com-prehensive and holistic civil

Anti-Discrimination Legislation and supported the Disability Manifesto Group."
The issue of self-

determination for disabled people is high on the agenda. The recent explosion of organis ations run by disabled people, for disabled people — many of which now speak with one through BCODP - is evidence that the disability movement, has come of age.

Charities face mounting pressure to relinquish control to disabled people. "You don't get white people running groups for men running wom-en's groups," Mr Massie says. "So

why should able-

bodied people run groups for disabled people?"
So, slowly but surely, the fight against stereotypic im-ages of helplessness is being won and the arguments for excluding disabled people from mainstream society crumble, leaving only naked prejudice. The sooner laws are passed to protect disabled people from those prejudices, as they have been in countries such as Sweden and the US, the sooner disabled people can be planned back into society.

If Mr Morris's bill should fail, as is likely without the government's wholehearted support, other bills will follow. What will not go away - now it has found its voice - is the disability movement. The question", Mr Wood says, "is not whether a civil rights bill will be passed, but when?"

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Crusaders in fine voice

Mary Wilkinson insists that journalism for disabled people

boasts a new vitality

ontrary to its "worthy but dull" image, dis-ability journalism is alive and kicking. In the past six months, two crusading quarterlies, Rights Not Charity and Disability Writes, have been launched by organisations run by disabled people, and two monthlies re-launched, by Mencap and the Royal National Institute for Deaf

Yet last year's attempt by Maxwell Consumer Publishing to win over some of people in the UK failed after six months. Seduced by the size of the mar-

ket, commercial publishers People were forget that only three in ten disabled growing people are emmore aware. ployed, so even Established a £10 subscription is excescharities had sive. Reaching disabled readto listen ers is also diffi-

cult: many in a newsagent and a ten

second national television advert costs £25,000. The present flurry of activity reflects a change in disability awareness among disabled and non-disabled people. In the 1970s, there were some self-help maga-zines produced by disabled drivers' associations and one or two good, informa-tive newsletters from disability organisations such as the Spinal Injuries Association. There were also many duced by parent-led chari-ties for their own client group. These gave a rosy view and criticism or controversy were out of place. Disabled clients were seen

as receiving services; they rarely had views. However, the 1981 International Year of Disabled People helped to focus pub-lic attention on disability, showing that it was a social barrier to jobs and leisure. At the same time disabled people were growing more politically aware. Estab-lished charities had to listen policy started appearing in

The Spastics Society went the furthest. Disability Now grew from an in-house magazine in 1984 to a nat-

ional monthly newspaper. abled and non-disabled people and reaching ical and social issues rub shoulders with party clothes, Christmas rec-

ipes, arts reviews and ideas for next year's holiday.

But, there are still not enough disabled journal-

ists. Three annual bursaries for trainees offered through the Royal Association of Disability and Rehabilitation (Radar) is only one Radar bursaries are for train-

ing courses in broadcasting, photo or print journalism at an accredited college. Applicants must have a minimum of two A levels and two O levels (one in English). Closing date: Feb-ruary 28, 1993. Details: Ian Gibson, Radar, 25 Mortimer St. London WIN 8AB, Tel: 071 637 5400. Open day, Janu-

Bill offers a remedy for parents

scrimination against disabled people is widespread but the law is too blunt an instrument to deal with it, Nicholas Scott, the minister for disabled people, believes. In the imporant areas of education and employment, persuasion is better than legislation. This is small comfort to the 60 per cent of disabled people who are unemployed or the 50 per

special schools still awaiting assessment of their needs.

Mr Scott says: "The Ameri-can anti-discrimination legislation is a fine declaration but there are no federal funds to implement it. The act relies entirely on the disabled person who feels he is discriminated against going to court, incurring all the expense and getting a declaration." Nor is he in favour of using the law against employers who fall to

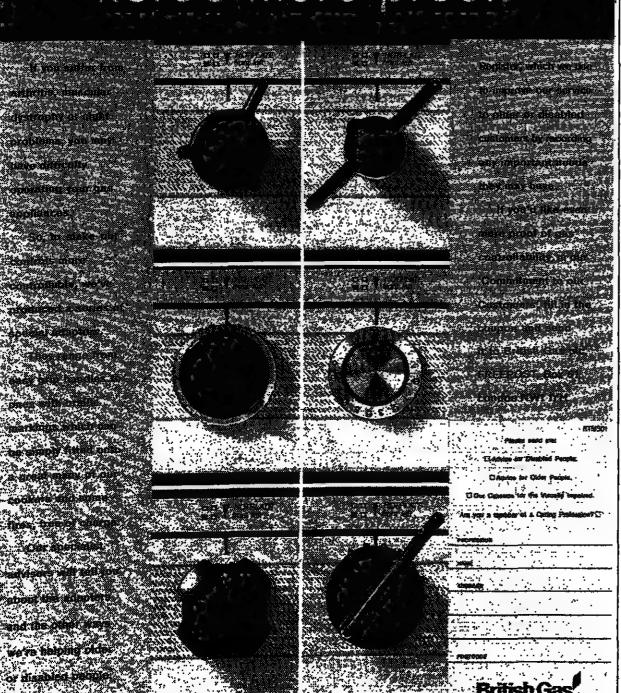
meet the 3 per cent quota of registered disabled people on their staff. One reason may be that Mr Scott's own department would be liable before the courts. "Mass prosecutions would be counter-productive."

perents of disabled children under the education bill now going through Parliament. The 1988 Education Act pro-

vided that disabled children should be integrated in mainstream schools but more than half still go to special schools.
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Companies need to overcome their prejudices and give all applicants an equal chance. Desmond Dearlove reports

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Employers fail the jobs test

an all-dis-production staff at its newly created Disability Programmes Unit (DPU) was based on a conviction that disabled programming can best be made by disabled people. By proving the BBC right, the unit can send a clear signal to employers everywhere that the time has come to give disabled workers a chance to show what

they can do.
The unit's editor, Kerena Marchant, who is deaf, and her colleagues whose impair-ments include cerebral palsy. epilepsy and manic depression are already bringing their own blend of initiative and pragmatism to TV production.
"We've adapted domestic camcorder equipment and experimented with special effects technology to make editing faster and more cost-effective." Ms Marchant explains. "It allows us to edit on the same tape we film on which greatly

speeds up the process."

Yet the reality for a great many disabled people is that they do not know what kinds innovations they could bring to the workplace because discriminatory recruitment practices among employers mean they are not given the chance to find out.

A report published earlier this year by the Employment Policy Unit, for example, found that disabled people are six times less likely to be called for job interviews than non-disabled applicants with identical qualifications and work experience. The report went on to say: "One of the most significant factors undermining the rights of disabled adults to participate fully and

marginalisation from the lab-our market."

Many commentators now believe that stronger legal protection is required for the rights of disabled people in the job market. Their only protection at present comes from a law dating back to 1944 which in theory is supposed to guarantee that companies meet quotas of disabled employees, but in practice is widely flouted by both priv-ate and public sector

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pany policy and procedures. So what should you do if you feel you are discriminated

against when you apply for iobs? Among the steps suggest-

ed by the experts are:

Choose the organisations you apply to carefully — by looking at a company's track

record as an employer you can get a good idea of its attitude to

Discuss your access needs

prior to interview - an infor-

Among the reasons employers most frequently put forward for not hiring people with disabilities is the argument that disabled people are likely to need more days off. They are also seen as a safety adding to insurance costs - and unable to work as efficiently as non-disabled

ducted by the American chemical company Du Pont since 1958 shows conclusively that the company's disabled employees are safe, dependable and productive workers. The most recent survey, in 1990, found that in safety terms, 97 per cent were rated average or above, in attendance, less than 14 per cent were rated below average, and in performance, 90 per cent were rated average

Other studies have recorded a comparatively low labour turnover among disabled employees. Yet despite such evidence, many employers continue to treat disabled people as though they have less to offer than non-disabled

launched this month by the employment department aims



Gary Flather QC: looking at the needs of barristers and their clients

example, quali-fied disabled candidates are automatically short-listed for will allow you to gauge their attitude and put them at ease interview. The company also with you.

 Meet employers face to face - some employers now target disabled graduates on the university milk-round and at job fairs. One-to-one meetings are an excellent opportunity to educate non-disabled people and make contacts which can lead to jobs later.

 Network with other disabled people - networking can be an invaluable source of information as well as an excellent way to let off steam. Find out more about jobs that have been held by people with the same impairment as yourself - a precedent makes discrimination less likely, and a stronger case at interviews.

The person counts, not the wheelchair

wording on a brochure below the head-andchare below me head-andshoulders photograph of a
man. His name: Stephen
Duckworth. Age: 32. Education: graduate. The brochure
opens to a full-length portrait
of the same man, in a wheelchair, and asks: "Would you
still employ this person?" still employ this person?

The leaflet comes from Dis-

ability Matters Ltd, a training consultancy set up by Mr Duckworth to help employers dispel the myths and misconceptions surrounding the employment of disabled people". After a rugby accident when he was a medical stulent — hence the wheelchair Mr Duckworth qualified, then took an MSc in rehabilitation studies before setting up the company in 1989. An employment agency followed it about 18 months later.

Working from Salisbury, Wiltshire, his trainers have helped employers, such as the Automobile Association, Shell UK and Woolworths, in areas ranging from developing employment policy to improving

A similar venture, Equal Ability, was started last month

chair users: Sue Maynard, a solicitor, and her sister Alice, an MBA graduate. Sue Maynard is also secretary to the Association of Disabled Professionals, which for almost 20 years has worked to improve education and training pros-pects for all disabled people, particularly the professions. As a lobby group, it responds to government papers and has been instrumental in chang-

ing legislation.

We actually exist to help other people — to show them we've done it and therefore they can do it," she says. "If I had a call from an architect who had developed multiple aderosis and wondered how he was going to manage. I would try to put him in touch with a member who had

Few professional bodies are addressed disability within their membership - the legal profession is an excep-tion. The Law Society's Group for Disabled Solicitors has been going for almost three years and in October, 1991barristers started the disability panel of the Bar Council. The xanel's high standing is re-

ould you employ this in West Yorkshire by two Morison, deputy chief execuperson? asks the women who are both wheeltive of the council, and Anthochairman of the Bar.

The group's chairman is Gary Flather QC, who says: "It was felt there was a gap to fill in relation to the needs of both barristers and clients." Bear-ing in mind the citizen's charter and access rights of all members of the public to courts, the panel has conduct-ed a survey of the access to and facilities of barristers' chambers in London; those results

are being analysed.

Employers have not been without initiative. Susan Scott-Parker, director of the Employers' Forum on Disability. forum to address the training, education and employment of

disabled people.

Funded by membership fees
(£500 to join, then £1,000 a year), it has about 75 corporate members, with a management board of core funders including British Rail, Rank Xerox, Barclays Bank, B & Q who pay a minimum of £6,000 a year. We're trying to make it easier for employers to op disabled employees," she

PAT BLAIR

Cash in hand is the key to full integration, says Jenny Morris

A battle for independence

isabled people are increasingly asserting human and civil rights: our rights to work, to have relationships, to be parents, to live in our own home, to fully participate in society. For those who need help with the tasks of daily living the barriers to equal citizen-

Jack and Moira, who both need 24-hour help, met and fell in love while living in residential care ten years ago. Having been told that they could not marry, let alone have a much wanted child, the couple now live in their own home with their seven-year-old daughter. They emto live the kind of life that non-disabled people take for granted.

Growing numbers of disabled people are asserting their rights to live indepen-dently, to do the kind of things which non-disabled people take for granted. exciting developments that increase the chances of independent living.

For a start, there are seven Centres for Independent Living, established by disabled people to campaign for their rights

to get the housing and practical help they require. The latest CLL to be set up is in the Lothian area of Scotland. It campaigns against the segregation of dis-abled people in institutions and provides advice about achieving independent

Getting the right kind of practical help is crucial. Jack and Moiru are able to live the kind of life they do because they receive money from both their social services department and from the Independent Living Fund (a government funded trust) to employ personal assistants. This means they have control over the kind of help they need. However, the government says that it is illegal for local authorities to give money directly to individuals and the future of the ILF is also in jeopardy because of government ommunity care plans. But disabled people and their

money to pay for assistance gives real independence. Pressure has been put on the government to make direct payments legal, the latest support coming from the Association of Directors of Social Ser-

should happen. Projects such as the per-sonal assistance adviser employed by Greenwich Association of Disabled People have shown the cost effectiveness of giving people the cash to pay for practical help. A private member's bill which would legalise direct payments is due for a second reading on December 8.

The government's community care

reforms, to be fully implemented next April, are supposed to make it possible for disabled people to live in their own homes and to participate in community life. But will this happen? Unless disabled people have control over the help they need, residential care will only be replaced by institutionalisation within the four walls of an individual's own home. The notion that physical impair ment mevitably means dependency is being challenged. Rather, it is a lack of suitable housing and control over practi-● Details: BCODP's Independent Living Committee, do Philip Mason (0420 474261).

● The author is a freelance writer/researcher whose work Community Care or Independent Living? will be published in February 1993 by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

Everyday life can be a struggle

I ntil she was in her early twenties, Jane O'Brien lived like any other young person from a good family. Brought up mainly in New Zealand, she was at university and all was fine, until she realised she was reading very slowly and get-ting behind on set books. That, she says, "was unusual for me because I was an avid reader". An eye specialist diag-

noted cumrate.

In hospital the full diagnosis became clear: muscular dystrophy, a degenerative and progressively crippling disease of the muscles. Miss O'Brien still attended lectures but was so far behind that academic achievement was out of her grasp. Her hopes of working in publishing faded.

Aged 23, she returned to Britain where the cataracts

were removed. "It was only after I had my eyes done that I realised how bad my sight was," she says. "You gradually adapt and develop a different set of references. For example when I walked, I'd feel the

edge of the pavement with my foot before stepping down."

Sharing flats with friends.

Miss O'Brien worked when she could but as her physical capability wanted, so did her confidence. Rush-hour travel is not on if you are at all impaired", she says. She called off her engagement when she realised her fiancé could not handle the future prospects. There were periods when the

disease seemed stable, then there would be a steep decline. "Socially, my life didn't change very much, until I was unable to walk," she says. Things you once took for granted, you are no longer able to do. Life itself is one iong weary toil; even getting dressed is an effort." She became unable to walk about 18 months ago. Now aged 47 and in a place of her own, she is learning the realities of life

She is invited to dinner less often: friends' flats are inaccessible. Lack of access and facilities exclude her from many galleries, theatres and from public transport. Her local Sainsbury's is an exception.

Two people talk to Pat Blair about how disability has affected their lives



Now unable to walk, Jane O'Brien finds life a long weary toil

articles are high achievers wonderful things despite being disabled, reinforcing the atti-tude that you're only acceptable if you're exceptional," she says. "I'm an ordinary son who was

unable to realise my potential because of my physical condition — which is actually far more representative of disabled people than the high achievers, just as high achievers among the able-

Friends do call round for a

chat - and Miss O'Brien finds

when have problems. "In the past I have opened my mind sufficiently to things I probably can do," she says. She talks of taking a two-year course to become a counsel-

lor, to put her experiences to practical use.
Peter McDonald is probably one of life's high-achievers,

lack of muscle co-ordination. Essentially, he explains: "It messes up your nervous system so that signals sent out by the brain aren't necessarily obeyed by the body."

Schools left him unimpressed with a system that
segregates able-bodied and
disabled children. "I wanted
things gut of life that

condition characterised by

things out of life that segregated education was unable to provide. It was useful for practical skills but academic expectations were not high." After taking A levels at further education college, he attended the Polytechnic of East London. At both places, he says. "there was a lot of good will, without which I would not have been able to survive". Pacilities were not geared to disability. Mr McDonald uses crutches but says that had he been in a wheelchair, he would not have managed "It was tough, but it taught me a lot about myself, about what I thought I could achieve. It was a great confidence booster. coping on the same level academically as able-bodied people, with all the physical demands on top."

Amid rising unemploy-ment, Mr McDonald came on to the job market with a degree in sociology, a black skin and a disability - not the best combination for job hunting. Tar-geting potential employers for research work, he landed a job with the Spastics Society.

Now aged 27, he is aware of

society's reactions to disability.

If he has a "normal bad day" at the office, or is off work ill, others may wrongly blame his disability. He has had close personal relationships, but if he is rejected by a girlfriend, was it him or his disability? He looks forward to marriage and children, once he is more financially secure.

"Most of us don't want to be role models, but we end up that way," he says. "People say well, he did it"." Yet what he does want is to be a normal member of society and to be able to pay his way, with maybe a tax incentive or two to offset the considerable costs of living in a world geared to the



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McDonald: wants to be accepted as normal with or without a disability.

He was six when he was brought to Britain from Jamaica by his grandmother after his mother died. He had never bodied are the rare ones."

been to school and could not walk he had cerebral palsy, a

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A LOOK AT HOW TWO OF BRITAIN'S BIGGEST COMPANIES ARE TRYING TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD

Adapting to the needs of individual customers

ANYONE who has answered a ring at the door only to find that the meter reader has gone might appreciate one of the many services offered under a new British Gas registration scheme. Customers with restricted mobility who are on the GasCare register can give permission for the meter reader to be alerted so that he or she will give them time to reach the door.

The computer-based confidential register is open to anyone with a disability or aged 60 and over, living alone or with someone else who qualifies. As British Gas explains: "We are using modern technology to help us to provide a special personalised service for customers who need individual attention. We doubt

whether any other company has anything so comprehensive." Half a million people have already registered.

Other services for people with special needs include free gas safety checks, although repairs must be paid for; a password scheme to identify meter readers; a "talking bill" service for the visually impaired; appliance controls and adaptors; where controls can be fitted they are free. Details from home service advisers. contactable through showrooms or district offices (see "Gas" in phone books).
British Gas also promises: "If the gas

supply to older, disabled or vulnerable people is interrupted, they will not be left without heating or cooking facilities."

BT's innovations lead the way

RATHER appropriately, Speke in Liver-pool is borne to Typetalk, a telephone relay ervice for deaf people developed jointly by British Telecom and the RNID and designed to give deaf, deaf-blind and speech-impaired people access to the sort of public telephone network available to hearing people (Pat Blair writes). All the deaf customer needs is to be registered with the service and to have a computer terminal compatible with the Typetalk system (details on 051-494 1000).

To gain access to the system, which operates 24 hours a day, callers dial a special number and are connected to a trained Typetalk operator. Text users type their message on their computer screen, it appears on the personal screen of the operator, who then speaks it to the hearing person. When the hearing person replies,

David Griffiths reports that the motor industry has woken up to the needs of an important sector of the market

the operator types the information back to the text user. Calls can be initiated by hearing or deaf people, to hearing or deaf people, nationally or internationally, and partial rebates on phone bills are available. We are a world leader in this service," says Richard Redden, BT's community liaison

Typetalk is only one of BT's services for disabled people. The company has spent years developing and improving services and products which are detailed in The BT Guide for people who are disabled or elderly - 1992 (free, contact local BT sales offices, or dial 100 and ask for Freefone

Cannot see the telephone bill? Get it in Braille or large print at no extra charge (Freephone 0800 400 454 for application form). Cannot use the phone book? There is unable to hold, handle or read a printed phone book because of disability (dial 195 for details of how to register). Cannot hear the phone ring? One can opt for a variety of flashing light signals.

BT employs 1,489 registered disabled people, in a workforce of 180,000, but much of its disability work for consumers is co-ordinated through the Actions for Disabled Customers (ADC) unit. In each of BT's regional zones is a disability liaison officer, a full-time manager whose job it is to oversee the services provided for disabled customers and provide feedback to ADC. At headquarters level, explains Colin Passfield, ADC operations adviser, a committee of senior BT managers and representatives from groups such as Age Concern plan new services.

Holidays . without hassle

The art of going on holiday is something anybody can spend a long time perfecting. How do you achieve that blissful state of relaxation combined with enough enjoyable, but not too taxing activity to stave off boredom — tricky, particularly when the disability-related logistics of it all can send your

gistics of it all can send your stress level through the roof, (Sian Vasey writes).

A good point of departure for disabled people thinking about taking a break is the Heliday Care Service (0293 784647). It has information agreementing from accessible on everything from accessible accommodation to ways of coping with the lavatory on a

If you like to meet people, a Murder Weekend might be just the ticket. These weekends have varying formats. One company that specialises in fun and virtually guarantees you will be chatting away within minutes of the action

starting is Padwick and Ball. Rim Sandford, a wheelchair user, has been on three of these has a different plot. She says: They're a familiastic way of meeting people. You could go on your own. You have to ask questions, the ball just has to get rolling." This type of weekend is particularly accessible for blind people because they do not rely on masses of visual clues. Everybody is

under suspicion.

The weekends take place at a variety of hotels. Those in Grasmere, Derwentwater, Guildford, York and Solihull have wheelchair access. Along with the whodomnit demen you are also treated to a talk on an aspect of criminology — Dr Crippen was one topic last year and a variety show, so it is good value at under £100 for two nights including meals. Purther information: 081-367 6793.

● The previously inaccessible Donmar Warehouse theatre in Covent Garden, central London, now has a lift, an accessible layatory and a wheelchair space in the stalls and circle, cost £12.

Parking at the NCP car park in Drury Lane is \$4.50 a night with a 25 per cent discount vailable for members of The Friends of the Donmar (membership £15). This is worth exploring in the notoriously maccessible West End, particularly as the Stephen Sond heim musical, Assassins, is

being premiered The refurbished Whiteleys shopping centre at Queens is good for wheelchair users. It has eight accessible cinema screens known as UCI Whiteleys on the second floor. All have wheelchair spaces. Disabled people are not re-quired to be accompanied.

Time to get the show on the road

Ford is

seen as a

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with a disability con-templating a visit to faced a battery of obstacles, not the least being that of getting to the venue and then into the show itself. Once inside there was little opportunity for a wheelchair user to do other than shuffle around the perim-

Even if one managed to actually gain access to a stand, finding someone willing to consider you anything other than a non-volatile enquirer was virtually unknown. In short, the motoring fraternity saw little in the potential of wooing disability as a

Contrast that with today. This year, disabled visitors to the Motor Show were accorded due status as a valuable proportion of the marketplace

reputed to be in the name of disabled users). Virtually all exhibitors provided wheelchair access to their stands and some, such as Ford, Renault and Vauxhall, featured adapted vehicles for

both passenger and driver. Much of this is due to the Motability Schemes which help disabled people to obtain suitable vehicles and which have given hitherto un-dreamed of ur-

gency to the theme of mobility for people with disabilities. Although restricted to those in receipt of mobility allowance or the new mobility component of the disabled living allowance, these schemes have

for new car buyers abound. Volvo was one of the first to enter the field, in the early 1970s, after it absorbed the ageing DAF set-up and unwittingly acquired a sizeable fol-

lowing of dis-abled drivers who had cut their wheels" at the helm of these cheap automatic easy-to-drive Ford, however,

was the first to

acknowledge the

need for a cheap basic accessible automatic car for the independent motorist with a disability when it launched the Disabled Drivers Escort in the mid-70s. Other firms such as Vauxhall and Renault followed, with concessions and basic auto-

on things have never really looked back. Today, Ford is acknowledged as the major force in the market and its commitment to disability is high with support for Driver Assessment Centres, a contin-uing range of "disabled driv-er" models and strong links with the adaptation specialists.

At this year's Motor Show, Ford featured a new joystickcontrol system developed by Jean-Pierre Kempf of France. Fitted to the latest Escort and linked to a Catalvox system it provides total control of the vehicle through the movement of one hand and a sequence of voice commands. Special Vehicle Options, based in Martborough, Wiltshire, provide fitting and service in the UK.

Progress has brought new opportunities for those with more severe disabilities but at considerable cost and risk.



Touch control: trying out the new joystick-control system fitted to a Ford Escort

theoretically available through the Mobility Equipment Fund currently administered on behalf of the government by a team within the Motability conglomerate but access is difficult, time-consuming and

frustrating.

Any risk for the motorist

offset by good driver assessment at a recognised Driver Assessment Centre which can also help with funding applications in some instances.

For those interested in learning more about disabled driver adaptations, the Mobility Information Service has a

Disabled Driver costing £1.25 and available from: Mobility Information Centre, 2a Atcham Estate, Shrewskury SY4 4UG (0743 761889). A list of assessment centres and vehicle discounts is available on request (enclose SAE).

Token gestures on transport are no longer enough

There is at last growing embarrassment about the lack of access for. buses and Tubes in the cities, particularly in light of the achievements in America,

Canada and Scandinavia. The Campaign for Accessi-ble Transport (CAT), has done much to highlight the paucity of provision and put the transport authorities to shame with its traffic-stopping demonstrations in central London. Are these efforts leading to any

Ian Seabrook, from London Transport's disabled passen-

ger unit (DPU), is keen to put a brave face on the situation and makes much of the recent wheelchair users and other development in all mainexcept Route masters) that handrails are now textured and colour contrasted and step edges high-lighted. Useful for partially sighted people no doubt, but not really an innovation that is going to get the disabled workforce into the office.

However, the good news from the DPU is that from next April it will no longer be illegal for people in wheel-chairs to use the Tube system. Some may call this progress. Recently Mansion House staBus and Tube services are inadequate, insists Sian Vasey

tion was refurbished without from one end of the line to the ough boundaries and has to be Bus which operates in eight 8,000 arrangements whatsoever for disabled travellers, and at the Angel, the lifts have been taken out.

It is not all gloom though, Hammersmith Broadway will be a good example of accessibility when work there is complete, most of the Docklands Light Railway was built to take wheelchairs (not Popiar or Bank stations) and a number of stations on the district line have lifts. This means, as Mr Seabrook observes, a wheelchair user could get right which trundles within bor-

other if they wanted. If this is your idea of a day out, remem-ber that London Underground is still only thinking about introducing access

ramps onto trains. Meanwhile on the buses there is at present no access at all for wheelchair users on regular routes. Although next year we are going to see a breakthrough as 68 low floor buses will be introduced on three routes in London. Apart from Dial-A-Ride.

if you can get through on the single telephone line - there are two services trying to com-One is Statioulink, previous-

booked two days in advance.

ly known as Carelink but renamed to reduce the patronising tone, an accessible bus which makes a dockwise circuit of the London stations. There is one hourly from each station. A trip from Euston to Liverpool St takes about 25 minutes. But the journey from, say, Paddington to Victoria.

an hour and a ball.

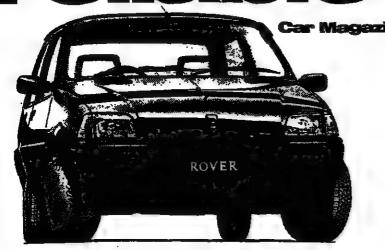
The second is the Mobility within London with a total of 80 routes and one or two services a week per route. For example it is possible to go from Swiss Cottage Library to Brent Cross shopping centre, with seven stops in between every Tuesday at 10.35 or at 14.00 returning at 13.05 or 16.40.

The busiest of the Mobility Bus routes carry only 50 wheelchair passengers over

around the whole circuit, lasts any four-week period. I suppose someone somewhere may find them invaluable and the more people who know about them the better, but both the Mobility Buses and Stationlink are really nothing more than token gestures in a transport system that is still badly ling disabled people.

● Details: The Unit for Disabled Passengers, London Transport, 55 Broadway, London, SWIH OBD. Tel: 071 918 3312 (voice and minicom). The unit will also supply a large print journey plan-ner and bus map.





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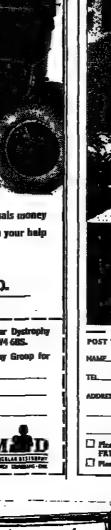
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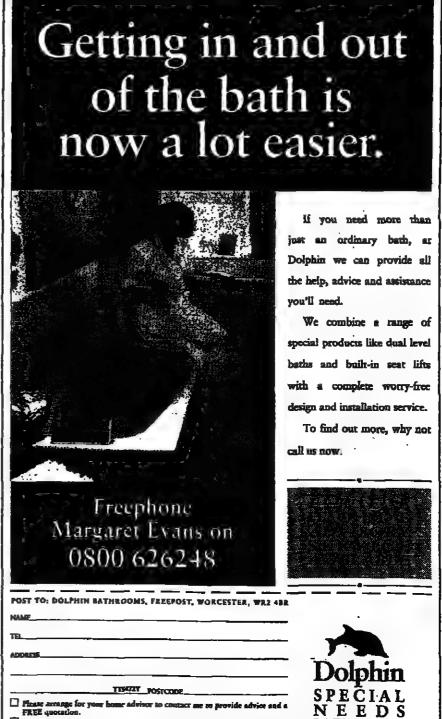
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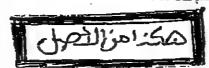
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With a little help from a film-maker, Scotland is putting on a show of native wit and craft



Is our heritage safe as houses?



Van Dyck's Philip, 4th Earl of Pembroke and his Family: to move it from Wilton House would detract from the unique meaning which the ideal setting bestows

y a miracle, the fire which swept so suddenly and brutally through Windsor Castle seems to have destroyed only one substantial painting: a large equestion portrait of George III by the mediocre Sir William Beechey: Built the embers have now been extinguished, the charred ruins leave pienty of nagging questions in their wake. They centre, first of all, on the safety of the pictures now remaining at Windsor. Since one fire laid waste to St George's Hall with such devastating speed, what is to prevent another interno from consuming the cream of the Renaissance paintings and drawings still pre-

served at the castle?

Conservationists may:claim that, as at Hampton Court after the recent calamity, fire precantions will now be hugely improved at Windsor. But nobody can really argue that an ancient castle is even half as safe as a public gallery custom-built for the care of great

paintings.
So should the art collection stay in the castle at all? If many of the rooms near the fire had not recently been emptied, in preparation for renovation work, the destruction of important paintings would have been calamitous. Masterpieces by Rubens, Van Dyck and Rembrandt might now be blackened beyond repair. As for the Holbein portait drawings, which provide such a vivid insight into Tudor court life,

Following the Windsor fire, Richard Cork asks whether great

works of art would be better housed in the safety of museums

their fragile paper would have curied up and disintegrated within seconds. It is a horrible prospect.

And what about all the other stately homes throughout Britain where irreplaceable collections are housed? Now that Windsor has succumbed, is it not time to acknowledge the danger and find new, safer homes for all the most outstanding works in these risky

After all, the Duite of Sutherland has for decades lent his outstanding paintings to the National Gallery of Scotland in Edinburgh, where they have been enjoyed by far more visitors than the Duite could admit to his own home. Indeed, if he ever decided to withdraw his Triians, Raphaels and Poussins from their allotted walls at The Mound, the National Gallery of Scotland would

suffer a traumatic loss.

Other public collections benefit from similar arrangements. At the moment, the National Gallery in London has received, on loan from the Duke of Buccleuch, the recently upgraded Leonardo painting of The Madonna of the Yarmwinder. This intimate little image forms an ideal complement to the far larger altarpiece of The Virgin of the Rocks in the National Gallery's own collection. Our knowledge of

Leonardo's range and achievement is rounded out by such a loan, and galleries throughout the nation would be equally refreshed by the ability to borrow masterpieces from

Besides, the lighting in many of these mansions leaves much to be desired. Sometimes their greatest paintings are displayed in such dim conditions that they can hardly be seen, let alone relished. Sometimes, too, their true quality is obscured by heavily discoloured varnish or severe cracking. Many need sympathetic attention from restorers. Removal to a public collection might lead to a dramatic enhancement of their condition.

t this point, though, a note of caution should be sounded. Some private collections are little more than the sum of miscellaneous purchasing by several generations. The British aristocracy's love affair with the Grand Tour means that many of these acquisitions are Italian, originally intended for churches or palazzi far removed from the home they now inhabit.

from the home they now inhabit.

Others, however, were commissioned directly by the ancestors of their present owners, often for spaces they still occupy. Take Van

aly proves how revelatory a great work still in situ can be, harmonising with the particular character of its surroundings rather than dumped in an anonymous gallery. Paintings in museums can Dyck's celebrated group portrait of the Earl of Pembroke and his easily look stranded and foriorn, deprived of the unique context that family, still preserved (and recently cleaned) at Wilton House in Wiltbrought them into being. So presershire. Although not initially intendvationist moves to disrupt this sense ed for its present location, this of unity ought to be opposed. immense painting looks splendidly After all, altarpieces have surat home there, filling an entire end wall of the Double Cube Room. To vived in the most out-of-the-way Tuscan churches for centuries, and

detract from the unique meaning which Wilton bestows on it.

Every effort should likewise be made to keep Turner's paintings at Petworth House in Sussex. The 3rd Earl of Egremont was one of Turner's most hospitable patrons, encouraging him to execute views of the house and grounds at his leisure. These supremely lyrical canvases are among Turner's most ravishing works. And they hang in the same resonant location today, near windows offering views of the

move it from this ideal site, sur-

rounded by other Van Dycks and

portraits of the period, would

very places which Turner painted.

No museum could ever be an adequate substitute for such an ideal marriage between an artwork and the locale that inspired it. Any safety initiative aimed at the wholesale transferral of key paintings from private houses, regardless of their associations, should be resisted. Exploring Renaissance It-

I'm absolutely furious

OHN OSBORNE is selling the indwritten manuscript of the play at made him famous, Look Back Anger. It will be in Sotheby's

On second thoughts,

JOHN OSBORNE is selling the handwritten manuscript of the play that made him famous, Look Back in Anger. It will be in Sotheby's auction on December 14, and is expected to fetch between £30,000 and £40,000. He wrote the play (premiered in 1956) rapidly, between May 4 and June 3, 1955. But he hesitated a good deal over the title, if the evidence of the manuscript is to be believed.

manuscript is to be believed.

His first thought appears to have been Bargain from Strength: an unpromising title, as Osborne clearly recognised. The manuscript title-page also offers Close the Cage Behind You and My Blood is a Mile High — not bad but not very pithy — and, getting closer to the final choice, Man in a Rage, Angry Man and Farewell to Anger. All these are crossed out, and Look Back in Anger stands there alone, a testimony to Osborne's brilliant instinct.

● AS MUSICAL collaborations go, the tour just amounced by the rock singer/songwriter Elvis Costello and the Brodsky String Quartet seems one of the more unlikely. But Costello, as he told *The Times* recently, is a classical music fan and frequently to be found in the audience at the Wigmore Hall, while the Brodsky Quartet have emulated those chic New Yorkers, the Kronos Quartet, and made visual style an important part of their act.

Costello and the Brodskys will be performing one of Costello's own works, a song sequence for voice and string quartet called *The Juliet Letters*. The tour begins with concerts at the Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow (February 22) and Drury Lane Theatre in London (February 28).

Goodbye girl

AFTER running for eight years at the Adelphi Theatre, Me and My Girl will close at the end of the BRIEFING

Christmas season, on January 16. The Noel Gay show has clocked up more West End performances than any other musical, some 5,538, though this figure does include its original run in 1937 and its two productions in the Fifties as well as the 3,305 performances since 1985. A new British tour of the musical begins in Edinburgh next month.

THE assassinations in Sicily this summer of Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, the two judges investigating the Mafia, together with 13 of their body-guards, will be commemorated by an unusual exhibition in London next month. It is of paintings done after these horrific events by young Palermo schoolchildren. Teachers decided that painting — sometimes on very large canvases — was a way to release the children's emotions.

RAI, the Italian broadcasting organisation, is exhibiting some of the paintings in a major Italian city; others have been selected by the Gagliardi Gallery in Chelsea for a week-long London exhibition, "Children Versus Mafia", from December 3.

Last chance . . .

COMPARED with Picasso and Braque, Juan Gris sometimes looks like the forgotten man of Cubism. One reason may be that while Picasso and Braque lived to be grand old men, Gris died at the age of 40, in 1927. His work is as approachable as that of his confrières; indeed, the show at the Whitechapel Art Gallery (071-377 0107, until Sunday) suggests that, at this period, it is more so.



Visual as well as musical stylists: The Brodsky String Quartet, pictured here with Elvis Costello (see second story, above)

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Unveiling a pop trivia treasury

olin Larkin was not born in Dagenham. He was born in "Dagenham, Motor City, Essex, home of Brian Poole and the Tremeloes, Sandie Shaw, David Essex and my mate Bill 'Legend' Fifield of T-Rex".

The editor of the newly published Guinness Encyclopaedia of Popular Music is obsessed by the history of popular music. He even uses the words "trainspotter" and "anorak" as terms of endearment when describing the respected contributors to his work of almost frightening completeness. Weighing in at just under 9 kilograms, its four tomes include four million words, divided into 10,000 entries on artists who Larkin reckons have made "a significant contribution to popular music".

There are lengthy essays on all he usual suspects, from Louis Armstrong to Frank Zappa, but Suinness aims to become "the rock equivalent of Grove's Dictionary of Music". You need to know who layed trombone in New York's unusual but enchanting sexter its Nova? Can't sleep until you ind out what happened to "that datayst among Merseybeat musicans" Ambrose Mogg? Fret no nore. It's here.

"We've tried to be as comprehensee as possible but we had 4,000
to many entries." says Larkin,
early dismayed. "So we used the
snallest type size practicable for a
reference book." The dismay is
inmediately banished as he contines. "They'll all be in the next set,
hough. It'll be eight volumes."
The encyclopaedia has haunted

Johnny Black meets the man who has compiled popular music's first serious 'reference' source



Pop Larkin II? The editor with his Guinness Encyclopaedia

Larkin for 15 years, but only got off the ground four years ago. "I was publishing expensive books about oriental rugs and Islamic architecture. They sold well and we had contracts from King Husain and Saudi princes, but I hated it. I would go home and play music all

Throughout the Sixties and Seventies, he kept every issue of New Musical Express and Record Mirror. He played in Closer Than Most, a band too obscure even for his encyclopaedia. He had also been dipping his toes in the pool of rock journalism since 1967. Turning 40 did it. I had to do this encyclopaedia or end up a bitter old man, muttering about what I

should have done."

Falling out with his partner, he out the Islamic business, took his

share, re-mortgaged his house and set up a rock publishing venture. Square One. "I had £120,000, but needed three times that."

The problem was solved by an old colleague, Mark Cohen, now managing director at Guinness. Cohen had heard of the project and was not put off by its enormous production costs. "The timing was perfect," explains Cohen. "We wanted to move into more serious reference books."

arkin started assembling a team. His initial list of 14 specialist contributors soared rapidly. "It was my baby but I ended up with 81 people helping change the nappies. We had contributors in Europe, America, Australia... we even found Toru Mitsui in Hong Kong, whose

knowledge of Fifties and Sixties oriental pop is unbeatable." Soul music specialist Brian Hogg

Soul music specialist Brian Hogg is typical of the breed. Like Larkin, he has played in a Byrds-influenced band, Ebb Tyde. He later edited his own fanzine, BamBalam, for five years, and is now possibly Britain's most prolific sleeve-note writer. The walls of his flat in Dunbar. Scotland, are insulated largely by vinyl.

Of nearly 2,000 entries. Hogg most regrets having agreed to do Scottish singer Kenneth McKellar. "I switched on my TV during This Is Your Life and heard Michael Aspel say 'By 1968, Kenneth, you had recorded over 50 albums.' I had to track down every one."

Larkin, however, had a luckier

break with Procol Harum. "I was writing the entry for their drummer, Bobby Harrison," he recalls. "I had typed in his date of birth, but didn't know where he was born. At that moment, a colleague shouted out that Bobby Harrison was standing in the street outside. I dragged him in, so I know we've got the facts right on him."

At £225, the encyclopaedia is hardly an impulse buy. But with the first print-run of 4,000 virtually sold out within days of publication, Larkin is confident of going to a second edition. "There are lots of thirty-something trainspotter rock fans out there who regularly go into the HMV shop and buy £100-worth of CDs on their credit cards," he says, and grins, adding: "People like me"

The Guinness Encyclopaedia of Popular Music is published by Guinness Books (£195 until January 1)

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LONDON

HANSEL AND GRETEL: David Pountney's moving but admirably unsentimental production is revive English National Opera with Ethna Robinson as Hansel and Rosa Mennion as Gretel. Phylis Cannen sings the Witch/Mother and Donald Maxwell the WitchMother and Donato waswes and Father. The conductor is Lional Friend. Colliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-Collegum, St Martin 836 3161), 7.30pm.

ANNIE GET YOUR GUN: This production of frang Berlin's hit musical has successfully toured the regions and opens tonight in the West End. The story tells of the rise of hillbully Armile Oakley to become the star attraction of Oakley to become me see aurocount or Buffato Bit's Wild West Show, eclipsing the fame of marksman Frenk Butler. The well-known classics include "Dom" What Cornes Neturity" and "Anything You Can Do." The Broadway star Kim You Can Do" The errosowey are in Criswell is Arme anging opposite Australian John Diednich as Frank, Prince of Wales, Covertry Street, London W1 (071-839 5987), 7pm.

STYLISTICS: Kings of telseno-led soft soul in the Seventies, the Stylistics have since maintained a regular programme of British visits, though messing the chart producers Hugo and Luigi with "You Make Me Feel Brand New" and "Can't Give You Anything (But My Love)". Weinbley Arena, Weinbley, Middles (081-900 1234), 7.30pm. THE MUSIC OF PRAGUE: The Kocan Quartet plays quartets by Dvoták (No 13 in G), Smetana (No 1 in E minor) and is

D ASSASSIVE Somewing thempand successful musical explores the Impulse that drives no-hopers to kill American Prepidents
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DIRECTOR THE SPECIER WOMAN Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Este mismon! It common the values of Menuel Puig's novel but Chila Rivera maless a striking verrup. Bhattasbury. Saffacebury Avenue, WC2 (071-97 5389). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mars Wed, Sat, 3pm 160/mins.

D LOST M YORKERS: Terric performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Smon comedy more weighty then usual. Misurean Liprean gives good value as a loopy aurit. Rivand. Aldwych, WC2 (771–820 8800). Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mais Wed, Set, 2.30pm. 160mins, D MAKING IT BETTER LUIC

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RAPID PERE (18): Part cop styller, part

Director, Dwight H. Little. MCSM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MCSM Cadord Street (071-836 0310).

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THILES OF A SUMMER MIGHT (15) New print of Bergman's lovely, scribilisting comedy about mismatched couples (1965). Barbican (071-638,8881).

TWIN PEWS PIE WALK WITH WE

(18) Dawid Lynch's districtable prequel to the cult television senes, with Sharyl Lee as the resurrected Laura Palmer.

Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Gate (071-727 4043) Luznière (071-836 0591)

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NEW RELEASES

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

TODAY'S EVENTS

joined by Borts Kramy for Duc/dir's Piano Quintet in A. Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, Wi (071-935 2141), 7 30pm.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC: The annual Royal Concert, this year attended by Princess Margaret, is given by the RLPO under the Czech meestro Libor Pesek, with the Musicians of the Royal Military School, Pešek conducts Dvolák's Vlolin Concerto (with soloists Ida Haendel and Gillen Weir) and Schubert's Symphony

tival Half, South Bank, London SE1 TRICEY AND SVENGALL: Love, song, THALEY AND SYMMETALE LEVE, song, and the pents of hypnotism: Namey Mediciar's bouring production for Shared Experience is in London for three weeks. Cockplit Theetire, Gastrom's Streat, Lisson Grow. NW8 (071-402 5081), opens tonight, 7pm; then Mon-Set, apm. Until Dec 12.

LIVERPOOL: The carves by W.F. Yearnes, And when did you lest see your lather ... ? must be one of the best-known British paintings, though lew

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1119). Mon-Fr. 8pm, Sat, 8.20pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Set, 5 30pm. 120mms.

OUR SCINC: Peter O'Toole in Keth Waterhouse's play about a menopausel male's infatusation with a young woman. Neatly done though we only hear the man's point of view Apollo, Shaftesbury Awarus, W1 (071-464 5070) Mon-Frit, 8 15pm, 8at. 8pm and 8 45pm. 135mine.

☐ RADIO TREES: Tony Skittery (? &

Li MARIO I Illiages (1017) serimary (7.8 km trip Govern Memory Lane, set in wartime Broadcasting House, bursting with sprightly Notel Gay numbers Glucent's, Statissbury Avenue, W1 (071-494-6040), Man-Fri, 7.30pm, Set, 4.30pm, 150mine.

THE RIFE AND PALL OF LITTLE

VOICE: Alison Sinatrium and June Horrocks in Jim Cartweght's play about

a shy girl escaping her raudous mother ingenious but incredible.

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Inter-dependence. Comedy. Panton Street, SW1 (071-857 1045). Mon-Set, Spm, mass Wed, Spm, Set, 4pm. Street, Final week

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SQUARE ROUNDS: Science, good or evil? Tony Harrison looks at four

puttingly earnest, National (Obvier), South Bank, 851 (971-928 2252), Tonghi, tomorrow, 7,15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm, 165mins

CINEMA GUIDE

MGM Puthern Road (071-370 2838) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

This CRYING GAME (18): IFA
gumman becomes obsessed with a
hostage's grifflend. Bold, powerful Nail
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Stephen Fies, Forest Whiteler, Jaye Dawidson, Miranda Richardson. Curzon West End (071-439 4905) MGM Tripem Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031).

WisseanDis And Wives (15): Woody Afen's best Rm in years, a lacrating talls of collegising New York manages. Stars Allen, Mar Partow, Judy Devis, Lean Neeson, Lord 1, 200 Co. 11 Milliante (171-235 4225) Octoon Remaington (1925 914968) Remain (171-537 8402)

THE LEST OF THE MOUNCHIS (12). Romance and adventure in the

CURRENT

famous munition-makers. Largely ismele cast, good acting but off-

ingemous but increases. Alderych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-896 8404), Mon-Sist, Sprin, met Satt, Apm.

REGIONAL

D'THREE SCOS ALIGHTIBES ON A FIELD: Harnet Welter perfect again in revival of the subde, corns state-of-the-ration play, set in a world of shifting values and plummeting art-props Royal Cotert, Stoame Square, SW1 (071-730 1745), Mon-Sat, Spm, met Sat, 4pm. 150mins. THEATRE GUIDE

TRAVES WITH MY AUMIT STOP Cadell, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts, male and lemale, in Giles Havergel's marvellous adaptation of Graham

could name the peinter, it is an

outstandingly memorable example of a whole school of Victorian historical

painting, inculcating the rudiments by sentimental anecdote. Yearnes himself

sentimental anecolois. Yearnes himself was at the centre of this school, particularly that part of it known as the St. John's Wood clique. Other members and also hearned in the authorition. Walter Art Gallery, William Brown Street (051-207 0001). Mon-Set, 10sm-5pm, middley-5pm, until Jan 10.

MORTHAMPTON: For its first visit to Britain, the Royal New Zeeland Bellet

Britain, the Royal New Zealand Ballet in primaring as production of Shakespeare's Hamlet, which tentures

characterists to a superior of the British denounced year on the New Zealand composer William to the New Zealand composer William Suntinguis Dermaste, 19-21 Guidheit Roed (0004-24811). Tonight-Set, 7-30pm.

NORWICH: Alter its £3.5 million

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Jane Eyre. Crucible, Norfolk Street (1742 769372). Mon-Set, 7,30pm, mei Set,

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PETTER'S PREMIUS (16); College pais mess up after a decade for a glib mixture of laughter and tears. Kennelli Bransgh directs Emma Thompson, Singhest Pty. Riss Rudher and himself. Empire (071-487 9999) MiGM Cheises (071-562 9096) MiGM Cheises (071-562 9096) MiGM Cheises (071-565 91456) Plaza Trocadero (071-434 0031) Ordeon Kenethighon (0426 91466) Plaza (071-435 9398) Scatelin on the Hilli (071-435 9398) Scatelin on the Hilli (071-435 9398) Scatelin on the Hilli (071-435 9398)

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FROM A JACK TO A KING

STARLIGHT EXPRESS

PETER O'TOOLE

MUSIC THEATRE: Martin Hoyle enjoys a refurbished classic from Andrew Lloyd Webber

Back on track to renewed success

EIGHT and a half years on and the leaves have been cleared from the rails, the signalling updated, and a newly refurbished Startight Express 200ms along the tracks. Some new music has been added by Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, in honour of his six-monthold son, Alastair.

Little Alastair must be a lugubrious wee thing if he responds to the more sentimental numbers his father gently spoons into him like inoffensive pape Make Up My Heart" for the emotionally uncertain observation car, Pearl, and the duet for her and the selfeffacingly heroic steam engine, Rusty. Next Time You Fall In Love".

Lloyd Webber's gift for the big romantic tune seems more attentuated than ever. Conversely, where musictheatre chutzpah - as opposed to music - is concerned, he comes up trumps. Act II now opens with a rap number for full company: wonderfully drilled, infectiously energetic, exhila-rating. And the thumping trio for the punchy box-cars, "Right Place, Right Time", with its thrusting emphasis on rhythm rather than melody, also provides a welcome draught of Gripe Water to get us bopping, if not burping, in the aisles.

One might expect Lloyd Webber to excel at parody. Sure enough, the tearful "U.N.C.O.U.P.L.E.D." is a hilarious carbon copy of a Tammy Wynetic-type country and western wail. That's the trouble: the humour lies in Richard Stilgoe's words: I suspect the composer would present

Starlight Express Apollo, Victoria

the same time dead straight if necessary. Elsewhere, the score skilfully echoes blues, rock and ballad idioms without ever achieving an individual character. One feels that Lloyd Webber's music constantly vamps till ready in expectation of the Muse's arrival. She never comes; but unlike others in her predicament, she lacks the politeness to pretend she has.

As everyone must know by now, the show is about trains. A racetrack runs around the auditorium in John Napier's design, another rises on one from the stalls. A gantry hovers and de-scends to form a bridge as the competing locomotives whize past, robotic warriors on roller skates. For sheer technical show-bizziness, the piece still dazzles. So does the cast, which shows off the triple disciplines of singing, dancing and skating with ish, style and humour. The exhausted duet for two battered macho champions, "One Rock n' Roll Too Many", is beautifully done by Mark Walker and John Partridge.

Arlene Phillips's choreography and Trevor Nunn's direction are still sinewy, spiky and graceful. The virtuous witlessness that Greg Ellis gives Rusty makes for a colourless hero; and the only dated thing about the show is, alas, its hymn of faith to railways and



Dazzling: robotic warriors on roller skates whize along the tracks

the six virtuoso play-

ers of Les Percus-

sions de Strasbourg

crashed around in

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Mysterious sounds from outer space in a one-off, multi-media spectacular

HUDDERSFIELD Sports Hall may seem an unlikely place in which to have "rendezvous with the keepers of eternal time". But that was the French composer Gérard Grisey's description of this one-off event on Sunday night.

Receiving its British premiere was The Dark Side of the Star, an hour-long piece in which six percussionists provide a framework for pulsar signals transmitted live from Jodrell Bank. Pulsars are the impulses picked up from disintegrating stars far away in the galaxy. Their waves are received at the observatory at Jodrell Bank — a Listening Bank, if ever there was one and were sent to us across the Pennines by British Telecom, in the form of

We were told to listen for two signals:

Signalling a crash landing

Dark Side of the Star

Huddersfield Festival

first one recorded on magnetic tape, then the live pulsar from Jodrell Bank. We

were also urged to "put aside all cerebral comprehension" and "let our physical being take over". The hall had been transformed with suspended canopies designed by Clau-dia Doderer and Klaus Dreissigacker, imaginatively lit by Jean-Jacques Marion. The audience sat on benches in the centre, surrounded by six individual

percussion units. What followed was not my idea of celestial music. For some 25 minutes

silence, followed by a cracking like interference on your television. At last this must be it. But was it the taped signals or the real thing?

A new phase of drumming began: an alternation of rattling and earsplitting thuds: the former may, I suppose, have been the percussionisis response to the pulsars, while the latter could have been explosions of stars. That, at least, is my Big Bang theory.

fairly arbitrary fashion. Then came a

Ten minutes later came another silence and brillian white light: surely another event. This time it was like a rather erratic humin pulse considerably magnified. The ensemble banged

on a bit longer, in doubt in celestial harmony with the buisar signals.

Finally a player advanced to the centre and hit a sispended gold plate for six its reflected sheen as it span in the light held the attention — but by then the antics of a performing sless would have been gripping.

What was the mant of it all? The few seconds of live pusation were supremely uninteresting it themselves; nor was any aesthetic rationale evident. Give me Evelyn Glemie, any day.

BARRY MILLINGTON

CONCERT: Proust commemorated in music

In search of lost tunes

The Music of **Marcel Proust**

St John's, Smith Square

MARCEL PROUST was evasive about the models for his imaginary composer, Vinteuil However, it is generally agreed that Saint-Saens's D minor piano and violin sonata inspired the work in which Swann and Odette hear the petite phrase that becomes the "national anthem" of their love affair. This sonata opened Sunday night's concert commemorating the 70th anniversary of Proust's death. But it made one wonder how in such a whirling virtuoso piece the amateur Swann could have picked out the wonderful phrase of a different colour ... dancing, pastoral, interpolated" that Proust describes. The work was dashingly

performed by Hu Kun on the violin and Victor Sangiorgio. Cesar Franck was another model for

Proust, and his A major sonata, played climax. Here you felt you could indeed hear the piano "complaining like a bird deserted by its mate", while "the violin heard and answered it, as from a neighbouring tree".

In between Sangiorgio gave a sensitive performance of Debussy's Images, Book Two Debussy and Proust were suspicious of each other, but it was hard not to believe that it was an aural image of Debussy's that evoked Proust's "scarlet tint" of the opening bars, changing to an atmosphere "cold, rain-washed, electric". The soprano Anne-Marie Parwarella completed the programme with songs by Reynaldo Hahn and Fauré. Her voice was not quite of the calibre of the instruments, but she tackled Hahn's dry phrasing well, and brought out warmth and richness in the Fauré. All the songs were known and loved by Proust - in Hahn's case, for rather personal reasons.

ROCK: An engaging blend of volume and subtlety

metal fatigue

Therapy? Waterfront, Norwich

THERAPY? have the knack of disconcerting their audience. Songs start as metal thrashes, switch suddenly into an altogether gentier rhythm, and end in a swirl of screeches.

Therapy? are part of the current rock

fashion that was born with punk, spent its adolescence with Hüsker-Dii and grew old and famous with Nirvana. This Belfast threesome, though, are not clones. Thanks to their three years together, their first album for a major record company. (released this month) contains enough bright ideas to justify the attention they have received. On stage, they look a touch driven.

Ons.

Guitarist Andy Caims resembles a proved they are not perfect.

DERWENT MAY

Michael McKeegan bends and

JOHN ST

Sure cure for stretches, his eyes bulging, as if he were pumping from And their songs do seem to display a certain obsession with bodily disorder, from "Namsea". Teethgrinder, their current single.

But appearances are deceptive. These are not nonomaniacs. Therapy? may play at subergam volume, but they light shy of combanding their audi-ence, while Cairns ricochets around the stage, he manages to mix quivering riffs with almost languid melodies. Songs are embellished with sampled

songs are embelianed with sampled voices and impropered noises, and then under-pinned by Fyfe Ewins's dextrously powerful drumming.

There is, too, a wry humour, extending from inverent references to James Joyce to the rogue questionmark in their name, which apparently owes nothing in any profound ambiveowes nothing to any protound ambivalence and everything to a typographi-cal indulgence. But there is a sharp edge to the amusement. "Accelerator",
a song about "joy-riding", was
Therapy? at their best; a dire cover of
the Undertones' "Teenage Kicks"

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Cuts that may mean curtains



Early casualty: The Royal Ballet's revival of The Prince of the Pagodas was cancelled even before the government's latest proposals on arts funding were announced

overnment announcements about spending on the arts are usually greeted in the arts world with a mixture of disappointment and gloomy soothszying. Comparthemselves to better-funded organisations in the rest of Europe, British companies often find themselves wanting. But this time round, they have something more to fear: the prospect of actual cuts.

The state of the s

In fact, the arts have enjoyed comparatively healthy funding in recent years. Since 1990-91, the Arts Council's grant has risen from £175.8 million to £221.2 million in this financial year. In 1993-94 the figure will jump to £225.6 million, an increase of £4.4 million: a seemingly substantial rise, though at two per cent it is still below the rate of inflation. But what has alarmed those at the receiving end is that by 1994-95, the government proposes to cut the grant back to £220.9 million, less than it is now.

Nicholas Snowman, chief executive of the South Bank Centre, says that if the government's current inflation forecasts are taken into account, "over the three years it" means that there is apparently a cut of around ten per cent in real

Proposed cutbacks come at a bad time for arts bodies. They are already trying to grapple with reduced local authority spending on the arts, declining box offices and fewer opportunities for business sponsorship. Many are operating close to the bone, having trimmed whatever fat the find during the past decade. As a result, some arts organisations will clearly be under threat if the government's three-year spending proposals become policy.

Keith Cooper, director of public affairs at the Royal Opera House, believes the government is chang-

Arts organisations fear the government's spending plans, announced two weeks ago, will harm Britain's cultural life and may force some of them to close. Debra Craine reports

ing course. "This represents such a reversal of the positive trend over recent years towards more adequate arts funding," he says. "It means one can't make the sort of investment in either artistic repertoire or the physical fabric of a building that one needs."

Anthony Everitt, secretary-general of the Arts Council, is more optimistic. "We shouldn't forget that over the last two financial years we had a 27 per cent increase, so we are starting from a good position. That's not to say it won't be very painful. But the secretary of state has done his best for us.

"We will have to focus on what business would call its core business: support for artists and arts organisations. There are things we do that aren't directly related to our support for artists and arts organisations, for example giving money for a composer to write a piece of music. So some difficult choices may have to be made."

What kind of choices are we

talking about? Clive Priestley, chairman of the London Arts Board, believes some companies, already faced with cuts in local authority spending, will be forced to close. Such a two-pronged attack on public support for the arts, coupled with the recession, KI DEVE SECIOUS CONSE including closure of some arts organisations."

Arts Council's biggest client, financial constraints have already affected artistic decisions. Acting on criticisms in the Warnock Report, the management has cancelled its national listival.

new production of Halevy's opera La Juive, along with a revival of MacMillan's full-length ballet. The Prince of the Pagodas, which has been replaced by a safer box-office bet. The Sleeping Beauty. This is in addition to a pay freeze and a scheme of redundancies.

Cooper insists further cuts in funding cannot be accommodated. We have tightened our belt as tight as it possibly can be at the

'Many are already operating close to the bone, having trimmed whatever fat they could find

moment. We've reviewed every area of cost, removing new productions, stuffing in more performances, doing everything to reduce costs and generate more income.
"We can't make further cuts without actually compromising our ability to generate income. One could do more revivals but you can only revive Magic Flute a certain number of un ence runs out."

The South Bank Centre sees cuts At the Royal Opera House, the in funding as jeopardising its reputation as a leading arts centre. Artistic initiatives at the centre's three concert halls would suffer, things like the recent Poetry Inter-

make you more efficient'. So we have three-year plans with proper budgets. But now, because there isn't the promised 3.5 per cent planning figure we were given. God knows if our budgets are worth the acres of Amazonian "Our own promotions would be much more difficult," explains Snowman. "We have turned the forest that were felled to print

What will Mackenzie do if Nottingham's funding is reduced?
"The only place to make cuts is in hiring artists and making sets. I can't cut the rent or the heating and lighting bills; I don't believe I can cut the staff. I can only reduce the quality of our work and that's a vicious circle because you earn less at the box office when audiences see that you're not so good as you used

uch protestations do not worry the officials at the Department of National Heritage. They point out that by the end of 1995-96, the value of the grant to the Arts Council in real terms will have been maintained in comparison with 1991-92. And besides, they say, spending plans are always open to alteration.

"The government isn't saying it is planning to cut Arts Council spending," claims a department spokesman. These are planned expenditures in light of present circumstances; it doesn't mean they are firm commitments. They could well be altered. The figures will be looked at in a year in light of the public expenditure situation then." in the meantime, arts organ

isations will be lobbying furiously. hoping to change the government's plans before it is too late. But no matter how successful they are, uncomfortable decisions will still have to be made. If there is less planning; you must try to have a proper plan with proper budgets to money around to play with, somebody will have to be hurt.

TELEVISION REVIEW

Party food, too rich, proves indigestible

ndulgence is traditional at this time of year, which may explain The Feast of Christmas (Channel 4), a five-part series that began last night. Food and drink writer Paul Levy is the presenter. with a style somewhere between Highway (Levy as Sir Harry Secombe) and Majesty (Levy gra-ciously offering candid glimpses of his home and family).

We watched two women put up greenery to decorate Chateau Levy for the big day. "Tatyana and Penny will have to remove that before January 6," observed our indolent host. Apparently, "the same guests come back most years, among them several good, even celebrated cooks." Cue shot of a Raymond Blanc book-jacker

The guests' culinary backgrounds being Chinese, American, Indian, French and Hungarian, the "awfully boring" Brussels sprouts are shredded and stir-fried, with ginger, garlic and chilli. "I'm inordinately proud of the fact that we not only grew the Brussels sprouts in the garden, but the garlic and chilli as well," said Levy. With a brief as wide as his smug

smile. Levy is not only attempting an overview of Christmas rituals around the world and through the ages, but also a potted analysis of how earlier festivals, from Saturnalia to Viking fire rites for the Winter Solstice, were subsumed into it.

Technically, the show (directed by Chris Goddard) was overwrought. There were shots of a van driver reflected in his own wingmirrors as he delivered Loch Fyne oysters to an unconvincingly surprised Levy; our twinkling host was then filmed seeking exotic spices and condiments from a cupboard in which a hapless camera operator had been previously secreted.

Over-extended scenes of officers and NCOs of the Parachute Regiment offering num-enriched tea to unior recruits before dawn on Christmas Day, and later serving them dinner, illustrated the tradition of role reversal which goes back to the Romans, and was adopted by the Christians in the practice of electing boy bishops. For this, cue shots of a self-conscious choirboy in borrowed episcopal gear at Hereford Cathedral

Tiresome sequences of Dickensi-an costume frolics in Rochester underpinned a discourse on how present-day "traditions" can mainbe blamed on Pickwick Papers and A Christmas Carol. We got a brisk trot through the possible origins of Father Christmas before a nod towards Chanukah, the Jewish festival of Purification. This was rounded off by Levy actually cooking something: potato latkes.

All the social anthropology

meant that, otherwise, real food got barely a mention. Frances Bissell, the Times cook, provided a recipe for the one thing of use to the general viewer: a low-fat Christmas pudding. The programme-makers should have been similarly weight-

TONY PATRICK

RADIO REVIEW

Not much of a view

adio 3 devised two ingenious programmes for last weekend. One was fascinating: the other a disaster. The disaster was David Hockney's Mountain Drive on Friday. The expatriate artist is well known for a ride he likes to take through the Santa Monica mountains while he is playing selected passages of Wagner on his car stereo. The producer Judith Bumpus took her microphone along. Off we all shot

and David Hockney talked. We might have put up with the fact that we couldn't see the sea or the mountains, and with the confused din of Wagner and screeching wheels in the background, but 45 minutes Hockney talked and said absolutely nothing. We heard "There's never anyone on these roads" at least ten times. 'Music's big, nature's big, isn't it? And they're both sublime.

Then there was the thrusting. The thing about these mountains is the way they thrust up, isn't it?" "Look — you can see the volcanic thrust now." This is the same mountain — but it's only when w see this side that we see the thrust of

It was as though Hockney had gone so far along the road to fame that he had lost all need or even ability to say anything interesting. Poor Bumpus seemed to have hidden herself under the seat, her

faint voice piping up only three or four times. She must have been wanting to bury her head and get away from the disappointing bore-dom of it all.

At Sunday lunch-time in Table Talk, on the other hand, Rabbi Lionel Blue was absolutely fascinating as he tried to cook the Last Supper in his kitchen. While he stirred a paste of grated apple, red wine and cinnamon, he explained that he was assuming the Last Supper was a Passover supper but he wasn't wholly convinced of that. Things like the dipping were very recognisable, but there was no fun and there were no children around, which all made it seem very strange.

A Dominican friend confirmed that St John's Gospel suggested that it was the Crucifizion, rather than the Last Supper, that took place at Passover. Then there was a discussion of how food is important as such to Jewish religion, whereas in Christian symbolism the meaning of the Supper became separated from its physical origins.

The presenter, Leslie Forbes helped to stimulate the discussion with her naive questions; but she must learn not to interrupt, and also how to pronounce names. It is not "Leenardo" da Vinci or

DERWENT MAY

Artisans of the possible

ow do you make an exhibition about Scottish inventors which will appeal beyond the fourth forms of Edinburgh schools, to Europeans and to European heads of government?

The answer is to get Scotland's best-known art film-maker to design it. "We hadn't got the right mix of knowledge and vision in-house", says Sheila Brock, head of public affairs at the National Museum of Scotland, "so we asked Murray Grigor".

Grigor, chairman of the Edinburgh Film Festival, has won a string of awards for his

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films, mostly but not always about Scottish artists. His latest is on the life and work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh. "Film, television and exhibitions aren't so different," says Grigor. "An exhibition is only your own, personal, interactive film, isn't it?"

So when John Major and his counterparts descend on Edinburgh on December 11 for the European Summit they will find the Royal Scottish Museum's huge Victorian main hall filled with what at first will seem a jumble of objects, from a mackintosh to a dinosaur, which actually fit together in an extraordinary chain of inventiveness over the

last 300 years. Most of the £100,000 cost is being met by the Scottish Office's industry department. They didn't care when it started or how long it was on

Simon Tait has a running on December 11," says Brock. It has had to be devised and designed in a third of the time such projects usually take, and opens on St Andrew's Day, November 30. Hanging from the roof will be a 70st banner representing

Robert Stevenson's 1807 lighthouse built for the Bell Rock: Stevenson's grandson was R.L. whose designs for Treasure Island were made before he wrote the novel, and will be here; so will a representation of the kind of alchemy Stevenson wrote about in Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde; then from distillation to steam, to James Watt and so on.

Also hanging from the ceil-ing will be a mobile made of ploughs, celebrating James Small's invention of the mouldboard plough, which not only broke the hard Scottish upland earth but turned it over. The Oliver brothers took it to the American pioneers and sold it in component parts, so that it became the plow that broke the plain".

The main hall's fishpond will have a large model of an oil rig on it; another model will be the bore which has drilled the Channel Tunnel; there will be a triple expansion engine; neon, discovered by William Ramsay; the universal language devised in the 17th century by Sir Thomas Urquhart (translator of Rabelais) which was so complex he barely understood it himself. the vacuum flask of James



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dance and arts centre, and not just

halls where things go on."

One of the South Bank's main

clients is English National Ballet,

which has an annual Christmas

season in the Festival Hall. The

company's chairman, Pamela, Lady Harlech, says if the proposed

cut were to be passed on to ENB, "it would result in a shortfall of more

than half a million pounds in total

"In the current economic climate

we cannot make up these figures by

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ship. If we have that shortfall it will

have to be passed on to our

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toire. God knows, we wouldn't be able to do new productions. We might not be able to go to as many

places around the UK, and w

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tor of Nottingham Playhouse, points out that "it's ironic that the

government says to the arts 'you

must be more grown up in your

Ruth Mackenzie, executive direc-

over the next three years.

Murray Grigor: "an exhibition is an interactive film"

Dewar, an exhibit on the once respected science of phrenology, once seated opposite the museum in Chambers Street; digestive biscuits; a model of the Forth Bridge, whose revo-lutionary design with its perfect balance was based on the skeleton of a dinosaur.

S ir Arthur Conan Doyle, who discovered the idea of forensic detection while studying medicine at Edinburgh University and is said to have based the character Sherlock Holmes on his intor, will be there; so will the body-snatchers, Burke and Hare, who murdered in the interests of biological science. Grigor's other point is that

the really key inventors are not remembered, and the nearlymen like John Logie Baird (who is in the exhibition) are

James Clerk Maxwell (philosopher and physicist, 1831-1879), without whose telemetric experiments, Grigor says, modern space technology would still be a thing of the future? Or Lord Kelvin (1824-1907). Maxwell's friendly rival, who laid the first transatlantic cable after inventing the first laws of thermodynamics? Or the polymath D'Arcy Thompson (1860-1948), who joined the study of classics, mathematics and biology together and whose book On Growth and Form influenced artists and

"The space I have to do it in is one of Europe's great and under-used gallery spaces, but built by an engineer, Francis Fowke, says Grigor, finally. "And he was an Englishman." Seeds of Change. The Royal Scottish Muscum (031-225 7534), Edinburgh from Monday.

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any day on the deal between the government and the private sector to extend the Jubilee line from Green Park to Stratford in east London, via south London and Docklands. So says the London Docklands

Development Corporation, a bastion of optimism about the future of Docklands. For once its optimism seems justified. The government this month pledged £1.4 billion of public funding for the extension. and the private sector, in the shape of Canary Wharf's bankers, is expected to stump up the remaining £400 million over 25 years.

The corporation hopes that many residential and commercial waverers will now move east. "It will be extremely good news for east London and a boost to confidence in London Docklands when this agreement is reached," says Michael Pickard, the corporation's chairman. "The line will give Docklands a direct connection to the West End, and for the first time the area will be fully integrated into the capital's Tube network."

For potential Docklanders, the Tube journey from Canary Wharf, in the heart of Docklands on the Isle of Dogs, to London Bridge will take eight minutes, to Waterloo 12 minutes and to Green Park 17

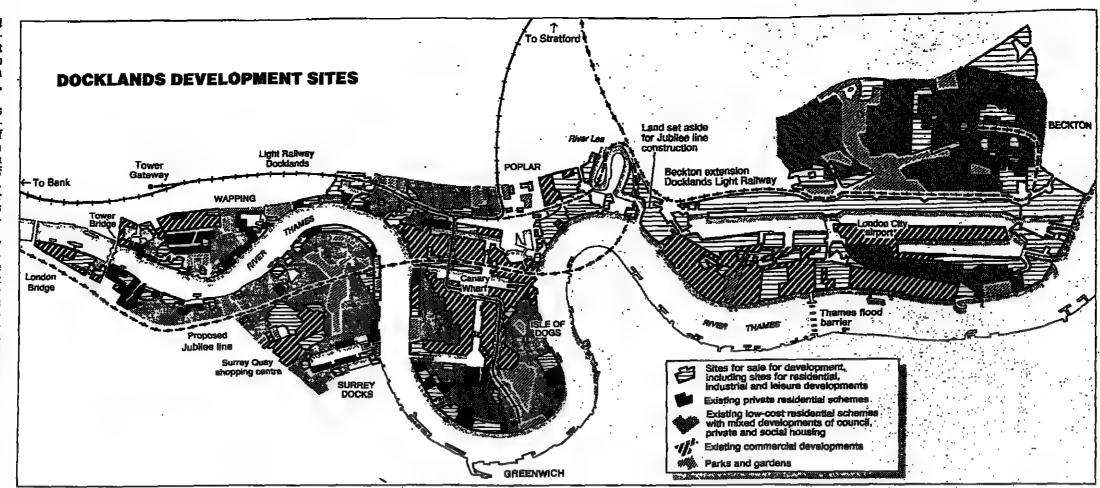
The times from Surrey Quays, on the south side of the river, are slightly shorter. The journey from Surrey Quays to London Bridge will take five minutes, to Waterloo nine minutes, and to Green Park 14 minutes.

The line will spur interest in developments along its path. The first stop after London Bridge is Bermondsey, south of Tower Bridge and the Tower of London. At present, Bermondsey has no accessible Tube, the closest being London Bridge or Tower Hill. Most redevelopment has taken place to the east of Tower Bridge, with schemes such as Butlers

Wharf and Horsleydown Square. Tim Whitmey, of Savills, says: "Many prospective buyers have been deterred from buying because Bermondsey is a 15-minute walk to

Flats in Butlers Wharf are available only for rent, but the Carda-mom Building, a warehouse con-version, has been a bestseller. More than 50 flats have been bought there in the past year.

The next stop is Canada Water, in Surrey Quays. The area is dotted ments, more villagey than the



The go-ahead for the Tube link is being welcomed by the property developers. However, as Rachel Kelly found, the revitalisation will be a gradual process, not an overnight boom

warehouses of Wapping, and al-ready has two Tube stations: Rotherhithe and Surrey Quays on the East London line, which links up with the Metropolitan and dis-rict line at Whitechapel. The Jubilee line will improve access to the West End and Canary

Wharf, now difficult to reach from the south side other

than by vehicle or Thames Line River Bus. The greatest impact will be felt in the Isle of Dogs. Here prices are depressed as doubts about Canary Wharf's future take their toil. For

example, four-bedroom houses are for sale at less than £100,000.

On the north side of the river, in Wapping, Limehouse and St Katharine's Dock, and further downstream at the Royal Docks and Beckton, the Jubilee line's

effect will be limited to a general boost to the area's confidence. More relevant to Wapping and Limehouse is the opening of the Limehouse link road early next year, which will restore Limehouse as a quiet backwater with some fine

18th-century houses and uncork

the bottleneck that Narrow Street has become. A Developers are house in Narrow Street, on sale through Savills for £375,000, was once biting at deals used by ships captains, awaiting the building of their vessels at the time of the Napole-

onic wars. The Jubilee line go-ahead means that developers are again biting at deals, buying land and restarting developments that have lain idle. Barratts, for example, has just

Quays. Fairview Homes has bought 2.4 acres of land, now exchanging hands for about £500,000 an acre, to build 113 homes on the Tale of Dogs.

All this, of course, assumes that the Jubilee line will work smoothly. Alf Benning, aged 71, who has been a resident of Poplar for 30 years and belongs to Splash, the residents' association, says: "Of course, it is good news that the Jubilee line is going ahead. But that is only if they make sure it is more than a Mickey Mouse train like the Docklands Light Railway. I'm fed up with the experts telling us how marvellous things are."
Residents will also have to live

with four years of building while the line is put in. While the corporation trumpets the 12,000 building jobs that will be generated at the peak of the work. Mr Benning emphasises the noise, dirt and stress for residents living close

to the building work, especially the terminals. Splash is campaigning for £10 million compensation for the stress caused to a thousand residents by the building of the Limehouse link. The Jubilee experience should be less upsetting because a lot of the work is underground, but Mr Benning's

advice is to avoid

Docklands until The schemes sit the line and much else besides are finuneasily with ished. "Docklands will be marvellous," the old poverty Mr Benning says. But the project is

never-ending."
Inevitably, the area has none of the charm of organic growth. The man shows the number of sites still to be developed. Great tracts of land on the 5,500-acre site remain derelict. Much else is a building site. The East India Dock tunnel, the Poplar link, the Limehouse link

and the Prestons Road flyover all remain to be completed. Although much private housing has been built — in 1981 only 5 per cent of housing stock was owner-occupied, against 44 per cent now - much remains to be done before there are prime residential areas with schools, shops and recreational facilities to match.

In parts, much of the housing is still owned by councils or housing associahigh unemplayment and where the new schemes sit uneasily with the old poverty.

of Fairview, it is the first developer to sign up after a five-year building Even Mr Whitmey agrees there

For all the new-found enthusiasm

Docklands. "Nobody is expecting the area to boom overnight," he making buying cheaper than renting, have increased confidence in the area, and a steadily diminishing supply of quality property for sale means that he expects the market to improve gradually. Buy-ers who come early will be reward-

ed by lower prices, he says.

They will also gain a home close to the heart of London, its buildings refreshing after the rows of surburban terraces. The best schemes combine the charm of Dickensian London with its warehouses and echoes of a marriage past and the modernity of the 21st century with huge rooms and high

cellings.
Six leading developers wrote to
The Times in July, emphasising the importance of the Jubilee line. East London's successful regeneration can take place only if there is proper infrastructure to support it," they said. Their with is likely to be tranted any day now. But successful regeneration will take years, if is no great hurry to move to

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Selling property without estate agents is not always as easy as two recent articles in The Times suggested. The sad truth is that most private attempts to sell residential property result in disappointment. The privately placed adver-tisement in the local or nat-

ional newspaper, paid at the full rate without the agent's discount, arranged and typeset by the printer rather than a studio, might bring five or six enquiries and two viewings, unless there is something dramatically attractive about the property or its price.

If no further interest is

shown, the vendor is left with the advertising bill, a pile of unused particulars and no alternative but to go through the exercise again. This is a disheartening procedure that can appear to have no end. On the bright side, if the vendor is successful, the agent's fee is saved, provided,

of course, the property has been priced accurately in the light of demand in the first place and an offer accepted at the best level after interest has developed. The main advantage of using an estate agency is that it

does not rely only on advertising. The resources are greater, and an agency approaches its objective from several angles. For eight hours a day, six days a week, the agent's telephone lines are kept free, their windows lit and doors open. Staff work on a register of people who might buy and who expect to be kept informed of anything possibly suitable that comes on the market. The vacuum that so often follows the privately placed advertise-ment is not allowed to develop.

The assembling of interest does not end there. As well as pursuing people on the register who enquire about property similar to that which they are being asked to sell, the agents will advise on an advertising programme. Most agents have contracts with magazines or newspapers appropriate to their business. These enable them to secure more attractive rates and positioning than those available to the private vendor.

The classic example is



Ian Homersham: estate agents are at work eight hours a day, six days a week

£2,000 for a full page, reduced to £1.050 for the agent. Simi-lar reductions have been nego-

tiated between agents and the

main newspapers, the benefits going to the vendor. Although

the present market has forced

agents to pass on advertising

Country Life, in which leading agents line up covetously for key positions in the front of the advertising section and attract vendors by offering them a place on their most prominent stalls in the market.

The private vendor of the Old Rectory, acting on his own behalf, will have to make do with a position towards the back of this market and will

costs to clients, a significant proportion is paid for by the agent to the benefit of clients. back of this market and will Agents, particularly in cen-have to pay the full rate of trail London, run a fee-sharing 'Selling a house can be an emotional

experience, particularly in cases of financial stress, death or divorce'

£1,430 for a half-page, plus £150 production charges and VAT. When an agent places the ad, apart from the better positioning, the cost will be reduced and the reduction, or some of it, passed on to the

The London Magazine, which carries the bulk of illustrated property advertising for central London, works on similar lines, charging

system that encourages negotiafors to seek the right property for a purchaser beyond their own boundaries. In the consequent dialogue between agents, comparisons are made, help sought and view-ings arranged. All this activity works to the vendor's benefit.

The relocation agent is a comparative newcomer to the scene. He or she is a housefinder often hired by international companies to find the right home for senior executives who have neither the time nor the knowledge to do so for themselves. In reality, the relocation agent is unlikely to spend much time trawling through private advertise ments, but will go direct to the agents who can quickly identi-

fy the requirement.
Finally, there is the actual business of selling, of conclud-ing the deal, of recognising the alacrity and ability or other-wise with which solicitors on both sides set about their job.

When vendor meets purchaser a friendly relationship often develops and it can be difficult to be tough about the price. Selling a house can be an emotional experience, par-ticularly when it results from financial stress, death, divorce or even the children leaving home. People do not necessarily behave rationally on such occasions. In such circumstances the wise vendor leaves the problem to an agent.

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of time under Order 3, rule 5 should ordinarily be granted where the overall justice of the case

required the action to be aflowed to

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by Mr Joseph H. W. Costellow, the plaintiff in a

personal injury action, from Sir Gervase Sheldon, string as a deputy High Court judge, who had () affirmed the district judge's

had (i) affirmed the district judge's decision made on the application of the defendants. Sometree County Council, striking out the plaintiff's action for failure to serve a statement of thaim, and (ii) dismissed the plaintiff's application for an extension of time for serving the statement of claim. The plaintiff's delay was of four and a half months. He accepted that there was no good reason for it, but the defendants could show no

the defendants could show no

estilting prejudice.

Mr Dermod O'Brien, QC and

Mr Stephen Archer for the plain-tiff Mr Timothy Preston, QC, Mr H. J. De Lotbinière for the

THE MASTER OF THE

ROLLS said that the judge had directed himself in accordance with Price v Dannimac Lad (Court of Appeal (Civil Division) Transcript No 579 of 1990). In that

case, where there had been cross applications, for leave to extend

time by the plaintiff and for dismissal for want of prosecution

by the defendant, Lord Justice Fox

"It is for the plaintiff as applicant in that application (for an exten-sion) to satisfy the court that time

should be extended, if the plaintiff fails to discharge that burden, then

the action is defunct. It can go no further. Striking out would follow

as a formality ... [The plaintiff

must tender a good reason for the

His Lordship referred to the

reliance placed on that case by the

editors of The Supreme Court

Practice 1993, at paragraph 19/1/4, as authority for the propo-

Seaconsar Far East Ltd v

Before Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord

Supreme Court to serve a writ out of the jurisdiction, was whether he

had a good arguable case on the

The plaintiff, an international

arms dealer, claimed US\$6,939,660 under an un-

confirmed letter of credit issued by

the defendants, Bank Markazi Jombouri Islami Iran, and pay-able at the London branch of Bank

Melli, Iran, The sum claimed was

for two shipments of artillery shells which had been delivered to the

The defendants had refused

payment on the first and second presentation of the requisite docu-

ments because on each occasion it was alleged that the documents

Regina v Social Fund Inspec-

Regina v Same, Ex parte Broadburst

Regina v Same. Ex parte Mohammed

Regina v Same. Ex parte Rampling

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An applicant who had never before been in the United Kingdom did

not qualify for a community care grant from the social fund estab-lished by the Social Security Act 1986 for the purpose of re-establishing hersell in the

community.
Mr Justice Brooke so beld in the

Queen's Bench Division refusing

an application for judicial review of the decision of a social fund inspector that Fatima Ahmed

Mohammed was not entitled to a

social fund grant to furnish a flat.
The Social Fund Directions

issued by the Secretary of State for

Social Security under sections 32,

33 and 34 of the 1986 Act provide: "4 A social fund payment may be

warded to promote community

Before Mr Justice Brooke

[Judgment November 13]

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Judgment October 28

was still good law.

that where the court was

Lies in defence of provocation

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth. Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Hutchison and Mr Justice Holiand [Judgment November 5]

Lies and attempts to cover up a killing were not necessarily inconsistent with a defence of provocation, for one who killed by reason of loss of self-control and thereby faced possibly lengthy imprisonment might have almost as strong reasons for anempting to conceal his deed as one who killed

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing an appeal by Andrew Ronald Manuel Richens, now aged 23, from conviction in March 1988 at the Central Criminal Court (Mr Justice Pain and a jury) of murder by stabbing William Choi after the appellant's guifriend had complained that Choi had raped her. A verdict of manslaughter was

years was passed in place of life Sir Jonah Walker-Smith, who did not appear below, for the appellant, Mr Godfrey Carey, QC

[Judgment October 14] .

Money received by a linigant in connection with the incident giv-

me rise to the legal dispute in respect of which a legal aid application had been made was not to be taken into account in

assessing the litigant's means for

computing the amount of her

Social Security and the Bristol area Legal Aid Board erred, when

assessing the applicant's maximum contributions under her

egal aid certificate, in taking into

account the receipt of a lump sum retiring allowance of £13,107.47

medical grounds as a result of the

injury complained of in the dispute in respect of which she was legally

aided and where she was contrac-

tually obliged on her retirement to accept some of the payment under

her pension scheme in the form of

Paragraph 14B of Schedule 3 of the Civil Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) Regulations (\$1.1989)

No 338), as inserted by the Civil

Legal Aid (Assessment of Re-

sources) (Amendment) Regula-tions (SI 1990 No 484) provides

"In computing the amount of

a lump sum retiring allowance.

the retirement was on

contribution.

Money which is to be

ignored for legal aid

Regina v Legal Aid Board, Expante Clark

Before Mr Justice Macpherson

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capital of the person concerned there shall be wholly disregarded any capital payment received from any source which is made in

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE. giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that when the appellant was aged 17 he caused the death of William Choi by stabbing him. The only issue for the jury was whether it was murder or, as the defence claimed, manstaughter by reason of provocation. When seen by he police he lucidly and explicitly denied involvement, which he still denied when arrested, Later, in his solic-itor's presence, he admitted that

the deceased's body was buried in a field behind his parents' home and that he was responsible for the The deceased had come to the appellant's flat while he and the girl were there. As a result of what the deceased had said about her the appellant was enraged. He did

Their Lordships could not confidently conclude that the jury would have understood references in a passage of the summing up to complete loss of control and such

relation to the incident giving rise to the dispute in respect of which the legal aid application has been made."

Mr Justice Marpherson so held

in the Queen's Bench Division in allowing an application for judicial review by Dorothy Ann Clark of

the decision of the Legal Aid Board and/or the Department of Social

Security in an undated letter received by her on February 10, 1992 discharging her legal aid

Mr Stephen Irwin for the ap-

Legal Aid Board and the Depart-ment of Social Security.

MR JUSTICE MAC-PHERSON said that it was neo

essary to give a purposive interpretation to the regulations

which required a wide meaning to

be given to the words "in relation

Provided there was a remonable

nexts between the incident for which the legal aid was given and

the payment, the purpose of regulation 14B was to retain the money in the hands of the legally

doing as embodying a correct direction about the requirements of a defence of provocation.

The jury were being invited so conider as potentially probative of the Crown's case of murder and as justifying the rejection of the appellant's account of provocation, the facts that (i) he had tried to conceal his crime, (ii) he had lied about his involvement, and (iii) he had lied about his reasons for trying to cover up and lying about his involvement.

That approach appeared to over-look the vital and incontestable fact that a man who had killed by reason of loss of self-control and therefore (aced arrest, trial and possible lengthy imprisonment, might have almost as strong reasons for attempting to conceal his deed and be about his involvement as a man who had killed

the issue was murder or man-slaughter, the jury should be alerted to the fact that, before they could treat lies as tending towards

there was not some possible explanation which destroyed their potentially probative effect. As Lord Devlin had said in

Broadhurst v The Queen [1964] AC 441, 457), there was a natura tendency for a jury to think that, if an accused was lying, it must be because he was guilty and, accord-ingly, convict him without more ado. It was the judge's duty to make clear to them that that was

The trial judge's omission to give such a direction, coupled with his indication that the jusy might regard the appellant's conduct after killing in trying to conceal what he had done and his lies as probative of murder rather than manslaughter, amounted to a material misdirection.

The issue of lies went to the core of the defence and the proviso to section 2(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 could not be applied. The appeal had to be allowed, the conviction for murder quashed and a conviction for mandaughter

Solicitors: Kidd Rapinet, Ayles-bury (who did not appear below); CPS, Central Courts Branch.

Limit of liability for misfeasance

Race v Home Office Before Mrs Junice Ebrworth

Dudgment June 15] The Home Office could not be held vicariously liable for an employee's misleasance in public office because the non involved deliberate abuse of power whi

carried the employee outside the scope of his employment. Mrs Justice Ebsworth so held in the Queen's Bench Division allowing an application by the Home Office to strike out of the statement of claim of the plaintiff, Steven Racz, an allegation of mislessance in public office. Mr Tim Owen for the plaintiff: Mr Neil Garnham for the Home

MRS JUSTICE EBSWORTH said that the plaintiff's claim arose through an alleged incident while he was a prisoner on remand. The allegation was of misfeasance in public office in respect of which he sought to fix the Home Office with

carious liability. The plaintiff's case was that the Home Office was responsible for the wrongful act of a prison officer if it was an unauthorised act or if it was a wrongful or unauthorised mode of doing some act which he was employed to do in the course of his employment.

.There was no issue argued before the court that an action

Solicitors: Barcan Woodward, Bristol; Mr Robert Martin, Bristol and Solicitor, DSS.

aided person.

would lie against the individual prison officer or officers, but they had not been sand Misfessance in public office was the tort of deliberate abuse of power. The gist of such an action for damages had been held to be malice.

The Home Office's case was that there could not be vicarious liabilupon the decision of the House of Lords in R v Deputy Governor of Parkhurst Prison, Ex parte Hagua [1991] 3 WLR 340) in which Lord Bridge had said that "if the officer deliberately acts outside the scope of his authority, he cannot render the governor or the Home Office vicariously hable for his tortious

obiter because the case turned on the question of false imprisonment and residual liberty and did not give rise to any necessity for determining the nature of the tort of misleasance in public office and

However, her Ladyship was satisfied, having carefully considered the arguments and the authorities, that the Home Office's argument in respect of the allegation was correct and that the plaintiff's claim on that basis was insustainable in law.

Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg & Co;

it should consider the plaintiff's first, since it was for him to satisfy the court that time should be extended, and if he failed, the Costellow v Somerset County Council Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice cross-application became a mere Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice

His Lordship referred to Erskine Communications Ltd v Worthington (The Times July 8, 1991: [CA In the absence of special circum-stances the court would not or-(Civil Division) Transcript No 725 of 1991), which was not brought to jurisdiction to dismiss a plaintiff's action for want of prosecution unless the delay complained of Sir Genzse Sheldon's anention where Lord Justice Mustill had deprecated the attempts which were constantly made to cram the general discretions conferred by the rules of court into a set of rigid had crused the defendant a real risk of prejudice. A similar ap-proach should govern applications made under Orders 19, 24, 25, 28

He had said that although in Price v Dannimae the court started with the application to extend it did not follow that that was the only permissible point of entry. Rejecting the submission based on Price v Dannimac that a plaintiff who was late in tendering a statement of claim had to furnish a convincing excuse for the delay it his application for an extension was to succeed, he had said:

"It would be absurd to say that every instance of overstepping the time limit without excuse however short and however lacking in harmful consequence to the defendant should be punished by the loss of the action."

It was plain that the court in Erskine's case would not have accepted the stark proposition in The Supreme Court Practice 1993. Counsel for the plaintiff had criticised the decision in Price v Dannimac. He had argued that it was inconsistent with the line of authority established by Allen v Str Alfred McAlpine & Sons Ltd (1968) 2 QB 229) and Birkett v James (1978) AC 297) to dismiss actions where the delay had caused on strictus rick of prejudice as the no serious risk of prejudice to the

He had submitted that the delay involved in almost every applica-tion for such dismissal carried with it a failure by the plaintiff to comply with a procedural time limit, and thus his need to apply for an extension of time; and that to refuse an extension and therefore dismiss the action merely herause the delay was inexcusable was wholly inconsistent with

When justice demands extra time

Counsel for the defendants did not argue for a rigid approach as suggested by The Supreme Coun Practice 1993 but pointed to the delay and the repeated reminders and threats made by the

The present problem arose at the intersection of two principles, each in itself salutary. The first was that the rules of court and the associated rules of practice, devised in the public interest to promote the expeditions dispatch of litigation. had to be observed.

That principle was reflected in a series of rules giving the court a discretion to dismiss on failure to comply with a time limit (Order 19, rule 1; Order 24, rule 16(1): Order 25, rule 1(4) and (5): Order 28, rule 10(1) and Order 34, rule 2(2) of the Rules of the Supreme Court) and also in the court's inherent jurisdiction to dismiss for want of prosecution.

The second principle was that a plaintiff should not in the ordinary way be denied an adjudication of his claim on its merits because of procedural default, unless the default caused prejudice to his oppo-nent for which an award of costs could not compensate. That prin-ciple was reflected in the general discretion to extend time (see Order 3, rule 5) and in the liberal approach generally adopted in relation to the amendment of

pleadings. Neither principle was absolute The resolution of the problem could not be governed by a single universally applicable rule of thumb. A rigid mechanistic ap-

Where there were cross-applications there could be no general rule that the plaintiff's application should be heard first, with dis-

consequence if he failed to show a good reason for his procedural

In the great mass of cases it was appropriate for the court to hear th summonses together, since in considering what justice required the court was concerned to justice both parties and the case was

best viewed in the round. It was of little or no significance whether or not the plaintiff made an application for an extension: if he did not the court considering the defendant's application to dis miss would inevitably consider the plaintiff's position, and if it refused to dismiss, it had power to grant the plaintiff any necessary extension whether separate application was made or not.

Cases involving procedural abuse or questionable tactics might call for special treatment, as would cases of contumelious and indefault was repeated or persisted in

But in the ordinary way and in the absence of special circum-stances a court would not exercise ns inherent jurisdiction to dismiss a plaintiff's action for want of prosecution unless the delay com-plained of after the issue of proceedings had caused at least a real risk of prejudice to the

A similar approach should govem applications made under Orders 19, 24, 25, 28 and 34. The approach to applications under Order 3, rule 5 should not in most cases be very different, in short, that ordinarily such applications should be granted where the overall justice of the case required

His Lordship would allow the

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Simon Brown agreed. Solicitors: Clarke Willmon &

Good practice to direct jury on burden of proof in alibi

Regina v Preece

There was no general rule of law that a direction to the jury as to the burden of proof in relation to alibi evidence had to be given in all cases where alibi was raised as a defence, but it was good practice to

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Staughton, Mr Justice Waterhouse and Mr Justice McCullough) so stated on October 8 in allowing an appeal by Conrad

Recorder Beloff, OC and a lury) in November 1990 of robbery and assault occasioning actual bodily harm, for which he was sentenced to six months imprisonment, suspended for two years, on each count concurrent

He was also fined £750 or 30 days imprisonment in default, and ordered to pay compensation of £350 and prosecution costs of

STAUGHTON said that whether or not a direction on the burden of

proof in relation to alibl evidence was required in all cases it was common and good practice, where an alibi was raised, to direct the jury that the defendant did not have to prove he was elsewhere, it was for the prosecution to prove his whereabouts.

Once a judge had embarked on a direction as to the effect of alibi evidence it was essential to get it right and that had not have here. Accordingly there had been a misdirection and the conviction

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Test for serving writ outside jurisdiction The oblaintiffs proceedings against the defen-dants and applied for leave to serve the writ out of the jurisdiction. The Bank Markati Jombouri judge gave leave in respect of the claim relating to the first presenta-tion but refused leave with regard to the second presentation because that claim was insufficiently strong The test to be applied, for the purposes of deciding whether a plaintiff should be granted leave under Order 11 of the Rules of the on the merits. The plaintiff ap-pealed against the judge's refusal of leave on the latter.

Mr Anthony Clarke, QC and Mr S. Rainey for the plaintiffs: Mr Nicholas Chambers, QC and Mr Mark Hapgood for the

The threshold of that test was not so low as merely to exclude the unarguable. In order to justify the granting of leave the plaintiff had to show that his case had a good LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that it was common ground that the plaintiffs' claim fell within Order 11, rule 1, and that Engchance of success. Notwithstand-ing recent obiter dicta in the land was an appropriate forum. The case turned on whether the plaintiffs had established a suf-

The Court of Appeal so held by a majority (Lord Justice Stuart-Smith dissenting) when, inter alia. Smin ussening when, once used dismissing an appeal by the plain-tiff, Seaconsar Far East Ltd, from a decision of Mr Justice Saville on April 10, 1991. The plaintiffs were granted leave to appeal to the House of Lords. of Order 11, rule 1.

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» Konzer (1951) AC 869).

Although the test of "good arguable case" owed its origin to the argument of Sir Andrew Clark

sively with the question of jurisdiction.

ficiently strong case on the merits.

The present case was the fifth in which the Court of Appeal had considered the principles which ought to govern the exercise of the been described as a good arguable case. The question would have court's discretion under Order 11, been whether the case was arguable, not whether it had a good rule 4(2) in cases where the claim fell within one or other of the heads

In each of the previous cases the court had been guided by the decision of the House of Lords in

in that case, and its adoption by Lord Simonds (at p880) and by Lord Raddiffe (at pp884-885) where he treated "strongly argu-able" and "good case for argument" as synonymous, it had now been shown that, with the exception of Lord Tucker, and possibly Lord Oaksey, the House of Lords

Limit to scope of grant

for re-establishment

care — (a) by assisting an eligible person with expenses . . . where such assistance will — (i) help that person . . . to re-establish himself in

the community following a stay in institutional or residential care."

In the same judgment, his

Lordship granted certiorari to quash a decision of the social fund

payment to Verse a social fund payment to Waris Ali, but refused judicial review to Haley Broadhurst and Zoe Semplis

whose applications to the social fund had also been rejected. An application by Charlotte Rampling

was adjourned.

Mr Richard Drabble for the

OC. for the social fund inspector:

Mr Robert Jay for the Secretary of

State for Social Security.

MR JUSTICE BROOKE said

the applicant was a single woman

aged 29 who had come to Britain

as a refugee from Ethiopia. On her arrival she had been placed in

temporary accommodation and

had subsequently found a flat. She had applied to the social fund for

The social fund officer had

refused her application and a social fund inspector who reviewed that decision had come to the

ESOO to furnish it.

pplicants; Mr Brendan Hegarty.

His Lordship had not been able to discover when "good arguable case" was first used in relation to the merits. But it had already become the established test by the time the Court of Appeal decided Metall und Rohstoff AG v Donald Luftin & Jennette Inc (1990) OB 391) where Lord Justice Slade had said, by way of elucidation, that the plaintiff had to show a good

Mr Clarke accepted that good arguable case was the correct test, but he argued that it meant no more than a case which merited consideration, and that that was a

very low and intentionally low threshold. The purpose of the exercise in relation to the merits was, he said, the identification of hopeless case. His Lordship profoundly disagreed. First, a threshold which was intended only to exclude the unarguable, would never have

chance of success. Second, to set the threshold as low as Mr Clarke suggested would be to disregard numerous statements of the highest authority that the jurisdiction under Order 11 To require a foreigner to answer a claim in the English courts it was not enough that the claim, if sound, could conveniently, or most

conveniently be tried in England. Nor was it enough that the conditions of Order 11, rule 1 were satisfied. The claim itself had to be of a certain strength. Traditionally the standard been set as a good arguable case. His Lordship could see no austification for lowering

conclusion that she could not be re-establishing herself in a com-munity to which she did not

previously belong.

Adopting the approach of Lord

Justice Woolf in R v Secretary of

State for Social Services, Ex pane

Stitt (The Times December 31, 1991) and giving the words of the Social Fund Direction their natu-

ral and ordinary meaning, his Lordship could not see how it

could properly be said that if someone had lived in Ethiopia all

their life they were re-establishing themselves in the community

Mr Drabble had submitted that

the words should be treated as referring to institutional or residential care wherever it was to

be found. That would be a brave

piece of statutory construction given that this was a statute of the

United Kingdom Parliament. In

his Lordship's judgment that was

not the parliamentary intention. Solicitors: Miss Beatrice Lebow.

Social Security.

when they came to Britain.

that standard bust because the court was persuaded that the other matters which fell for consideration on an application for leave to serve out had been fulfilled.

Mr Clarke relied on Overseas Union Insurance Ltd v Incor-porated General Insurance Ltd [[1992] 1 Lloyd's Rep 439) and on a paragraph in Lord Justice Parker's judgment (at p448). As to that paragraph his Lordship

need not show a probability that

the case came within one of the heads of Order 11, Lord Justice Parker was departing from the Appeal in Attock Cement Co Ltd v Romanian Bank for Foreign Trade (1989) 1 WLR 1147). 2 Lord Justice Parker's reliance on Lord Oaksey's speech was open to question since that speech could not be reconciled with the other speeches in Korner's case. Lord Oaksey was alone in thinking that the slightest evidence could ever suffice to bring the case within one of the heads in Order 11, rule 1. 3 If the paragraph was to be taken as lowering the traditional star-dard of proof in relation to the merits, then it was obiter. Lord Justice Parker had already decided in favour of the plaintiffs on the

ground that they had a good arguable case. 4 Lord Justice Mann decided the case on the basis that the plaintiff had to show a good arguable claim

on the merits. The other authority on which Mr Clarke relied was Banque Paribas v Cargill International SA [1992] 2 Lloyd's Rep 19) where the plaintiffs' case on the merits by holding that it was "worthy of consideration", an expression which he culled from Lord Tucker's speech in Korner's case. But it was clear from the context that Lord Justice Parker did not regard

the expression as being synony-mous with arguable. There was no reason to suppose that in using the expression "wor-thy of consideration" Lord Justice Parker was intending to lower the standard or to depart from Lord Justice Slade's formulation in

His Lordship's conclusion was that good arguable case on the merits, or good chance of success, should continue to be used as the standard for granting leave to serve out of the jurisdiction. If "worthy of consideration" meant the same as good arguable case, there was no problem.

If, on the other hand, it was intended to lower the threshold, so as to exclude only the plainly hopeless case, as Mr Clarke con-tended, his Lordship would

His Lordship would hold that as regarded the second presentation the plaintiff had failed to show a good arguable case on the merits. If his Lordship was wrong about the threshold he would, if necessary, hold that the plaintiffs had failed to show that their claim was

Camden, Casson & Co, Salford, worthy of consideration. Edward Frais & Abrahamson. Lord Justice Stuart-Smith dis-Liverpool, Casson & Co. Salford sented and Lord Justice Beldam and Miss Elaine Mills, Manchester, Freeman Pollard, concurred with Lord Justice Lloyd. Chelsea: Solicitor, Department of Solicitors: Clyde & Co; Stephen-



LTA hatches far-reaching plan from Wimbledon nest egg



TENNIA CORRESPONDENT

THE Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) launched a new five-year plan vesterday to raise Britain from its present status as a third-world tennisplaying nation. The concentration will be on improving facilities at all levels and to continue the widening of the game's base, which, in theory, will lead to the discovery of a future Wimbledon champion. With only two British players, men or women, in the world's

The cost of the development programme will be £63 million and the LTA - or rather Wimbledon championships, which provide the association with over 50 per cent of its income - will foot more than a third of the bill. The rest will come from private investment and local authorities. Confident that facilities are at last beginning to match demand, the LTA will also begin actively to market terms more next year. A new post of marketing manager will be appointed next month.

past decade.

To show the seriousness of

its intention to make this five-

year scheme work, where oth-

ers have so demonstrably

failed, the LTA will even

consider using the ultimate

sanction. Private clubs which

do not implement junior dev-

elopment programmes could

forfeit their right to Wimble-don tickets. "It would be

rather Draconian, but it is

something to think about,"

Peacock said. Though the All

England and Queen's clubs, the two most influential in the

land, would be two of the

main offenders on this score,

the measure is long overdue.

With a few notable exceptions,

clubs are not pulling their

Given such a heavy programme of expenditure, it will be a great relief to the LTA that the goose is still laying golden eggs, even if the pro-cess of hatching them into a Wimbledon champion seems to be taking an eternity. Pretax profits from the championships rose by 12 per cent to £14.3 million for 1992, Ian Peacock, the chief executive of the LTA, announced yesterday, which brings Wimble-

weight in the LTA's valiant at least 25 regional centres attempts to improve the with both indoor and outdoor tennis to a pre-tax total of nearly £80 million over the

If the plan runs according to schedule, by the end of 1997 Britain should have ten firstclass centres for tournaments and training, four with grass, four with acrylic and two with clay courts. It should also have



courts, 40 clubs with a minimum of two indoor courts, 40 centres operating under the Indoor Tennis Initiative scheme and a general provi-

sion of courts approaching the standards set by other European countries, such as France, Holland and Sweden! Germany are too far ahead to be caught by the end of the century.

Quite why there should be four grass-court venues and only two based on clay is a mystery because the recent success of the Swedes and Germans, for example, suggests that the slower clay surface is better than grass for teaching and honing

technique. We have to start some-

where," Peacock explained. "We are not saying that we can deliver a top-ten player, but we can make Britain a strong tennis-playing nation again. Then there is a better chance of finding the player we all want."

Champions, though, do not come cheap. Richard Lewis, head of national training. estimated that it cost £500,000 to take a talented junior from the age of eight through to senior ranks, which makes the idea of finding a champion on inner-city streets pure fantasy. He or she will long since have turned to cheaper alternatives, like athletics or football.

Grounds for optimism over the past year, and there are a few, stem from the results of British juniors, eight of whom are in the world's top 100.

Five boys, led by Jamie Delga-do, are in the top 60, which compares favourably with most nations. "We are winning more matches at junior level and that is the most exciting growth of all," Lewis said. "The trick is to turn good junious into good senious." The LTA might not have too much more time to conjure the rabbit from the hat.

☐ Jim Courier and Andre Agassi, between them holders of the Australian, French and Wimbledon titles, will lead the United States team in the Davis Cup final against Switzerland in Fort Worth, Texas, from December 4-6. John McEnroe and Pete Sampras complete the American lineup, while Marc Rosset and Jakob Hlasek will again be the backbone of the Swiss team.

Prop's tries brighten Bridgend gloom

Australians rally to end Welsh tour with scoring spree

Waies Students...

By GERALD DAVIES

IT WAS not a particularly the Welsh section of their tour to a close, but the Australians beat Welsh Students by five tries and four penalty goals to two penalty goals at Bridgend

None of the Australians who played in the victory over Wales on Saturday were on view and they had to draft Simon Poidevin, otherwise engaged on broadcasting duties, out of retirement to play. Not even his vast experience, however, could stop the Australians from committing a stream of errors.

Admittedly, the sky was dark, the floodlights were on from the start and the ground underfoot was heavy, but they three times and gave away penalties with such alacrity in the first half they seemed hardly to have their minds on

breeze at their backs, in the first half, the Students were able to contest the ball against their bulkier opponents. They won their share of lineouts and were always able to compete, even in the scrum. John was busy at scrum half and McCarthy and Evans put some finely-judged kicks into

And while the Australians continued to make mistakes, failing to control the ball in the murky conditions, the Stuenjoyed territorial

pable of putting a scrum in the opponents' 22 to good use, Scott-Young picked up the ball

advantage. It was very much against this run of play that the Australians scored. Always ca-

Saracens ask BBC to

retraction from the BBC for the incorrect identification of a player involved in last Saturday's incident at Kingsholm (David Hands writes). Marcus Hannaford, the Gloucester

scrum half, went to hospital after being punched in an offthe-ball incident, but the wrong Saracens forward — Mark Langley, the lock — was identified on Rugby Special as being responsible. The London club's disciplinary committee will meet

for the second time in four days tomorrow when it will interview the player it believes punched Hannaford from

On Monday night Saracens expressed regret for what hap-pened but claimed the punch was a retaliatory action, the third in a sequence of events

retract over name

and Hannaford. Should Saracens find it necessary to suspend the player - the blow put Hannaford out of the game with a fractured cheekbone, probably for six weeks — he will miss Saturday's Pilkington Cup third-round tie with Bristol; similarly, Gloucester will be without Hannaford for their cup-tie at Newcastie. ☐ Three old blues have with-

drawn from Mickey Steele-Bodger's XV, which plays Cambridge University at Grange Road this afternoon. Adrian Davies, Mike Hall and Rob Wainwright are all injured and are replaced by Kent Bray and Mark Evans, the Hariequins stand-off half and centre respectively, and Mark Rigby, the Wasps

full back took advantage of the gap and of the Students' loose After missing with two earlier penalty attempts, Evans, always a safe pair of hands in defence, succeeded with the

next two to put his side into the lead, but after 40 minutes Humphreys was caught off-side and Kelaher kicked the As on Saturday, the visitors began the second half with

more urgency. Within four minutes, Ekert made a snipe from the back of the lineout which Scott-Young carried on. From the established position. the Students threequarters were offside and Kelaher kicked another penalty goal. With very little movement

away from the pack, Poidevin received a big cheer from his team-mates in the stand when he made a solo charge downfield. The biggest cheer of all, though, was reserved for Matthew Ryan, the prop. Not once, but twice; the next two scores were his, a brace of tries giving him three for the tour. There was nothing left for the Students after this, howev-

particularly the size of their As Kelaher kicked two pen-alty goals and Nucifora scored a try, the Australians, in the dismal weather, at least finished with a flourish. They ran from underneath their posts, and with the ball going through half-a-dozen pairs of hands, Smith touched down.

er hard they tried. Maturity,

hands, Smith touched down.

SCORERS: Weles Students: Pensity godis: Evens (2). Australians: Triest. Retenter, Ryen (2). Australians: Gradifinst), N. Boobyer (Bridgend Technical College), S. Hill (Melan School of Medicine), O. Robins: (South Bank Polysechrict; M. McCarthy (West London Inst), P. John (Cardiff Inst); M. Davis (Chefterham and Gloupsster College), J. Humpthies (Polysechnic of Walest rep: A Peacock, Gwent College), G. Beens: (Cardiff Inst), P. Pook (Teestide Polysechnic), L. Henney (Cardiff Inst), S. Roy (Brastol University), A. Canter (Cardiff Inst), O. Williams (Cardiff Inst), A. Allest. A. Blades, D. Nucsion, M. Fyan, S. Poodevin, W. Wesugh, D. Du, M. Brast, S. Scott-Vourg.

Young. Reteres: D Legie (Scotland).



Bottoms up: behind a scene with, below, from left, Robert Jones, of Wales, Craig Chalmers, of Scotland, Jim Staples, of Ireland, and Mick Skinner, of England, at the launch of Worthington's sponsorship

Clubs plump for a ten-man game

RUGHY CORRESPONDENT

THE Senior Clubs Associterday that it had killed off the national seven-a-side tournament, which has been in existence for the last four years, and replaced it with a national ten-a-side tournament. In a curious juxtaposithe sponsors, nounced their involvement in 1992-3 season only," the

at Muntayfield next April. The SCA hopes that the Worthington National Tens will become an annual event of sufficient status to justify being played at Twickenham; however, judging by the Rug-by Football Union's (RFU) directive of last month, its

"The RFU has agreed to permit the playing of ten-a-

ment should be entered into for the present for any ten-aside rugby after the comple-tion of [that] season." The new tournament will,

be held at Gloucester on May 3, following four years of the sevens, which, have been staged at Richmond and Bath and have had three sponsors during that time.

The leading 16 league clubs

which comes ten days after the completion of the league season and two days after the Pilkington Cup final.

Worthington's total invest-ment for 1993; comes to 5500,000. The company also sponsors the Welsh national sevens, while £150,000 will go to the tens and a further 2200,000 to become broadcast sponsors of the RWC sevens between April 16-18, Brewers stable, also an an experimental basis for the asked to send their best the same event. The RWC available teams for an event sevens will be shown by ITV.

are tougher. They train harder, fight harder and earn more money," he said. "After 29 years [1937-66] and a record number of fights, 241, of which I lost only 11, I earned \$1.3 million. Today; they can earn almost that in their first couple of championship fights."

Los Angeles: Oscar de la Hoya, of the United States, the

Olympic lightweight gold medal-winner, won his first professional bout with ease when he stopped his compatri-ot, Lamar Williams, in the first round at the Forum on Mon-The contest, said to have

carned de la Hoya \$150,000, was stopped when he put Williams down for the third after 42sec. (Reuter)

BASKETBALL

Moore deposes Kings

JOEL Moore, with a spectacular long-range three-pointer, gave London Towers a win by 99-97 over Guildford Kings on Sunday (Nicholas Harling writes). As the last of Alton Byrd's 21 points four seconds from time seemed to have secured victory for the Carlsberg league champions at the Sobell Centre, Moore, from just inside his own half, launched his improbable shot as time ran out.

It completed a startling transformation for the Eng land guard, who had missed a series of three-point throws in the previous week's European championship ties in Den-

mark and Bulgaria.

Andrew Bailey (21 points)
and Richard Scantlebury (20) also made significant contribution for Towers, who had set up the win in a first half burst of 21-5 that swept them into a lead of 36-22.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48 **PETROUS**

(b) Of the nature of, as hard as, stone or rock, from the Latin petratus stony or rocky: "The bony labyrinth, as this collection of cavities in the petrons bone is termed, is perfectly closed." TENSILE

(a) Capable of being stretched, susceptible of extension, ductile, from the Latin tensilis capable of stretching: "A soap-bubble has two tensile surfaces with a layer of water between them."

(b) One of the poems of the Elder Edda, without capitals a sibyl or prophetess, a wrong use, found in Scott's Pirate, from the Old Norse Voluspa the song of the sibyl, rolva a wise woman. CHIGNON

(b) A large coil or hump of hair, usually folded round a pad, which has, at various times, eg c. 1780, been worn by women on the nape of the neck or back of the head, from the OF chargeon du col uspe of the neck: "A young gentleman was seen riding, holding on high at the end of his cane a chigmon, as those heavy humps of hair are technically called."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE Black's bolt from the blue was 1 ... Qxg3! 2 hxg3 g5 and 3 ... Rh6+ mating follows.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): New Orleans Sents 20. Washington Registers 3. BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Atlanta Hawks 101, Boston Celtics 97 (OT): Sacramento Kings 103, Seatife SuperSon-ics 99.

CASTLE CUP: Preteria: Boxder 317 and 305; Northern Transveal 247 and 210 (V du Preez 117) Border won by 165 rurs Cape Town: Natial 102 and 234. Western Frounce 219 and 178-5 (G Kirster 65) Western Province won by 5 wickets Port Elizabeth: Eastern Province 468-9 disc. Transveal 202 and 232-4 (J Cock 107) Hastri Grain.

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Caroff 3, Birmargham 3. BRITISH POLICE CUP: Scotland 3, Wales 2 (at Goven). Sering Produce COP: Scalard 3, wass 2 (at Govan). HONG KONG: Plin world indoor champ-loneith): Group one: Brazil 2, United States 2; Holland 3, United States 3. Group two: ten 2, Poland 5, Span 5, Belgum 3, Iran 4, Span 2, Belgum 4, Poland 1. 1.ste results on Monday PREMISER LEAGUE: Outens Park Ranges 0, Learney 1.

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GOLF

SONY WORLD RANKINGS (US unless street). 1. N Feldo (GB), 22 55pts; 2. F Couples, 16.35; 3, 8 Langer (Ger), 13.47; 4. Woosram (GB), 13 11; 5, J M Cleastel (Sp), 12.89; 8, G Norman (Aus), 11.97; 7, N Proc (Zim), 11.65; 8, P Aangar, 11 10; 9, J Cook, 10.87; 10, D Love III, 10.45; Other British placing: 19, C Moragomene, 7,41

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL); Detroit Red Wings 10, Tamps Bey Lightning 5; Pitts-

A STATE OF THE STA burgh Pengums 8, New York Rangers 2, Bostori Bruins 3, Ottawa Senators 2; Washington Capatas 1, Montreal Caradiens 1 (07), Vancouver Carucks 5, Chicago Blackhawks 2.

RUGBY FIVES CLUB MATCH: Wesser Club (A Bartlett, N Taylor, R Love), P Chapman, J Monts, T Montson) bt Southernpton University (S Keyts, J Ferning, P Howarth, E Rees, J Sayer, J Wells), 144-114.

RUGBY UNION TOUR MATCH: Newport 0, Transvaal 21, Welch Students Past and Present 6, Australia XV 37 for Bridgend COUNTY COLTS CHAMPONSHIP: Ouarter-finalist Somerset 12, Durham 7; Kent 10, North McLantos 5: Surrey 43, Gloutosater-time 21 East McLantos 3, Yorkshire 23 SCHOOLS MATCHES: 18-group: Stropshire 0, Wooccalestime 27, Stationshire 17, Chesture 10, 16-group, Stationshire 15, Chesture 15, Wordescatestime 29, Shiopshire 5, Chesture 15, Wordescatestime 29, Shiopshire 5

FOOTBALL

Club Brugge v CSKA Moscow Rangers v Marseiles

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Altrinchem v Chester

Barnet v Bournemouth (7.45)

Chesterfield v Macclesfield

Huddersfield v Scunthorpe

Palenborough v Krigstonian

Rochdale v Blackpool Salisbury v Marico (7.45).....

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Group A

Group B

FA Cup

First-round replays

Prestor: v Bradford

European Cup

VALDRHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Men's first round: Purta Sunderland 3, Topspin Darlington 0 Bidey 3, Upper Armley Leeds

O; Matchpoint Brainhell 3, Westchorn Alfreton C; Boeston 3, Long Roed Cambodge C; Lincoln Indoor Q. Edgbaston Priory 3; Chesham 3 Star 1, Batchwood St Albaris 2; Middlesex Linversity 1, Cleantew Brentwood 2; Westeyn Spin 1, Pures Westeyn 2; David Lloyd Chipwell 3, Commagnic Cub 0; Waston Asso's Q, Rohampion 3; Edward Alleyn's Duskid Lloyd Pleston 3; Queen's Cub 2, Ealing Q. Royal Botchine 3, Canton Crub's Lane Wolnig 1, Madistance Pinness 2; Pasition and Avenue Hove 1, Cassiley 2; West Hariss Bournermouth 3, Centrecourt Basingstote 0

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S551,189
WTA: Final rankings: 1, M Seles (Yug): 2, S Graf (Ger): 3, G Sebetari (Arg): 4, A Sanciez Vicario (Spi); 5, M Newratikowa (US), 6, M Fernandez (US): 7, J Capriari (US), 6, M Fernandez (US): 7, M Mateuel-Fragmitre (Switz): 10, J Novotre (Cz): 13, M Perce (Fr): 12, H Sulona (Cz): 13, M Perce (Fr): 14, N Tauzed (Fr): 15, L McNeir (US): 16, K Melerva (Buf): 17, A Coetzer (SA): 18, Z Gardson (US): 19, A Frazier (US): 20, M Melerva (Buf): Micropy-Mannare: 1, Seles, S2 (SZ 322 2, Graf, St. 561, 13): 3, Sunchez Vicario, 51, 376, 355, 4, Sabastin, \$1,207,565; 5, Newapolova, \$731,933; 6, N Zuerva (CS): \$657,984; 7, M Fernandez, S005,908; 8, Novotna, S511,184; 9, G Fernandez (US): \$479,167; 10, Sulcous, \$473,112, 11, Mentinez, \$445,768; 12, McNel, \$427,165. TODAY'S FIXTURES

HPS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Accringion Stanley v Orbylsden KONECA: LEAGUE CUP: Preliminary round; Abergavenny v hisr Cardiff, Consy v Cacraws, Eolow Vale v Maesteg Park; First Town v Newtown, Haverfordwest v Briton Ferry

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE. FIRST OF vision: Blackburn v Sunderland (7 0); Belton v Notis County (7 0), Newcastle v Manchester United (7.0), Newcastle v Manchester United (7.0), Notin Forest Aston Villa (7 0), Leiostler v Woherhampton (7.0), Second division: Burriey v West Brontwich (7 15), Wigen v Oldram (7.0); York v Port Vale (7.0); Blackpool v Scumborge (7 0).

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First division: Brighton v Milhed (7.15), liptwich v Swindon (2.0), Southermotion v Crystal Palace; Winhaledon v Futhern.
Postponed: Oxford United v Bristol City.
Second division: Bristol Rowers v Plymouth. Chellerham v Torquey; Exeler v Swanses (7.0).

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RUGBY UNION Representative matches Bertishire v Hampshire (at Abbey RFC, 7.0). Cambridge University Bodger's XV Oxfordshire v Sussex

Club match Waspa'v Loughborough St (7 30). OTHER SPORT MOTOR RALLYING: Londerd RAC Relly.

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BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

most improved player in England over the past two seasons.
Ranked tenth in England,
and second only to Gary
Waite, of Canada, in the Rackets squad, he tested Peter Marshall, the British champion, in the Pimm's Premier League last week and has a clutch of straight-game wins from earlier fixtures. However, his physical, and

unsuccessful, performance against Chris Walker, the Lambs club second string, this week revealed an important flaw in an athlete who has otherwise honed his game to an unexpected level of sophistication. Walker won their match, in 69 minutes, 9-5, 9-7, 6-9, 9-3.

Noisily encouraged by a few partisan supporters who travel frequently from Corringham, Essex, to Rackets' away fix-tures, Webb led 5-1 in the first game against Walker, the England No. 2 and European champion, and 4-1 in the Dimposes.

Clever front-court work and occasional railies of tactical briliance suggest Webb, now 24, has broken out of the plain-working patterns of his early years. But still he stands too often on short shots, blockades brutally in the back court and often resorts to physical intimidation.

applaud this in terms sufficiently loud, and sometimes offensive apparently to con-vince Webb he is already playing on another level. Walker, who is something of a rule-book tactician himself. showed in completing the 4-0 Lambs win that such physicality can lead to defeat against

"I have seen it all before," Walker, 25, and an opponent of Webb's throughout a decade of Essex junior competition, said, "I knew what was coming and had to stay cool." His win was valuable enough. It took Lambs a point

clear of Leekes Wizards, who lost on countback last week, and this week dropped another point when Robert Owen was surprisingly beaten by Angus Kirkland at fourth string against Lingfield in Surrey.

BOXING

McMillan

named best of British By SRIKUMAR SEN

BOXING CORRESPONDENT

COLIN McMillan, the for-mer World Boxing Organisation featherweight champion, was adjudged the best British boxer of the year by the British Boxing Board of Control last night.

The award for the best overseas boxer went to Jeff Harding, of Australia, the World Boxing Council light-heavyweight champion. Har-ding's shird world championship bout with Dennis Andries was the best British contest of the year.

McMillan was chosen in preference to Lennox Lewis, Paul Hodkinson and Pat Clinton. He won the the Lonsdale Belt outright in the record time of 160 days and was universally acclaimed for his

brilliant boxing when lifting the world title from Maurico Stecca, of Italy, in May.

McMillan had the rare distinction of receiving his award from one of the greatest featherweights. Willie Pep, now 70, at a dinner given by the Lonsdale Sporting Club in London. Pep, from Middle-town, Connecticut, was world champion from 1942 m

1950, apart from one year, 1948, when his great rival, Sandy Sadler, held the title. According to Pep, who won

SQUASH

Walker counters Webb

DARREN Webb may be the

His travelling supporters

shrewder operators.

RESULTS: Lambs Club. 4, Raciess 0; Lingfield 1, Leeless Wizards 3; Courarco Surbiton 3, WF Village Manchester 1; 93 Mellona 0, Carnors Club 4 Leegue positions: 1, Lambs, 32bts 2, Leeless, 31; 3, Carnors, 25; 4, Courtshop, 18; 5, Rackets, 16; 9, Lingfield, 13; 7, WF Village, 7; 8, St Mellons, 5.

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MICHAEL PHILLIPS

of South Cross, the fifth horse

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to take on Watertight again on

Laurie-O accounted for

another of today's runners.

Choice Challange, when he

won over today's course and

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No one is in a better position

only 2lb better terms.

this month.

Stamina doubt surfaces again after Remittance Man's win

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

REMITTANCE Man was installed as a stingy 5-4 favourite for the King George VI Chase on Boxing Day following a victory at Huntingdon yesterday, which prompted more questions than answers.

Encountering sticky ground for the first time during his distinguished chasing career. Nicky Henderson's star looked far from happy and had to work quite hard to win the four-runner Peterborough

The Queen Mother Champion Chase winner was already being niggled at by Richard Dunwoody before the final fence, where the chal-lenging Uncle Ernie unfortu-nately fell to end the prospect of an exciting finish.

Remittance Man, who beat Jimmy Fitzgerald's chaser six lengths in the Arkle last year, would probably have held on. but the pensive look on the face of Henderson and Dunwoody in the unsaddling enclosure underlined the doubts about suitable ground and stamina.

"We have had two dry winters and we know he loves fast ground. It is the first time in his chasing career he has

had sticky going and he was that ground as he does on fast always beaten on it over

"I am the first to admit it is not his best ground. I would not want it to come up that soft in the King George," Hender-

son said. They have gone a good gallop in testing ground and he's had what we wanted and that is to get a race into him. He was very big and Richard said he blew up going to the last. I had bener tighten him up a bit before Kempton. At least he jumps as well out of



Henderson: pensive after **Huntingdon display**

ground." Yesterday's race was over two-and-a-half miles on a sharpish track and the case for Remittance Man staying three

miles is, at best, unproven. Significantly, William Hill pushed the winner out in the betting for the Cheltenham Gold Cup from 10-1 to 12-1.

Given the worry about the going and trip at Kempton Park, the prices provided by Corals for the King George are close to an insult to intelligent punters. A waiting brief is advised. Corals go: 5-4 Remittance Man, 2-1 The Fellow, 8-1 Bradbury Star and Docklands Express.

Francois Doumen, trainer of The Fellow, looks certain to run last season's King George winner in the Hennessy this Saturday, although bad wea-ther in the English Channel may delay his arrival. "If we don't get heavy rain from now on, he is likely to run."
"I need the race for the

horse before he goes for the King George, and from there to the Gold Cup. I have not got anything here to run him in and I don't want to send him away again for a prep race.

"If he runs on Saturday and in the King George, that will be fine for Cheltenham," the Lamorlaye trainer said.

Toby Balding was more bullish about the chances of Cool Ground lining up for Newbury's feature race. "He will have a hack tomorrow and a canter the day after. We will probably make a decision on Friday, but the race does not look as competitive as I thought it was going to be."

Henderson will make a decision about the participation of Brown Windsor and Sparkling Flame this morning after the pair have worked. Gambling Royal was the latest Hennessy contender to be the subject of a gamble

vesterday, being backed down to 7-1 with William Hill. With growing concern about small fields — particu-larly in chases — David Oldrey, chairman of the Jockey Club's race planning comroittee, yesterday gave details of a review of the whole National Hunt programme. A draft version of "Competi-

tive Racing under National Hunt rules," similar to that carried out for the Flat, will be

Celebration time: Lydia Pearce enjoys a glass of champagne with one of her winners, Lots Of Luck

Pearce captures first title in sparkling style

LYDIA Pearce was vesterday confirmed the champion lady amateur jockey of 1992 (George Rae writes).

In the Forte-sponsored se-ries, Mrs Pearce won 12 races, accumulating a total of 181 points a remarkable challenger. Diana Jones.

The competitive series is based on the winning rider of each race receiving 12 points, the second five points, the third three and the fourth two.

As part of her prize, she received £1,000 from the sponsors and her weight, 8st

2lb. in champagne at a reception in London. "I never thought I'd be in this position." Mrs Pearce said. To be riding for the likes of Henry Cecil and John Gosden in the top ladies

My aim is to defend the title successfully next year but of course, now I'm there to be shot at I doubt if I'll have another year like this."

races is beyond my wildest

Mrs Pearce is the wife of Jeff Pearce, the Newmarket trainer, and has finished runner-up in the championship for the past two years.

Reveley team can celebrate with four at Hexham

MARY Reveley and Peter Niven, deserved recipients of two Derby awards next month, look the combination to follow today at Hexham where they can plunder four

Niven, who has aiready landed four five-timers during his steadily soaring career, can start the ball rolling for his principal employer by winning the Priestpopple Novices' Chase on Candy Tuff.

A winner three times in succession over hurdles last season. Candy Tuff is said to have taken to jumping fences well at home.

When racing over the smaller obstacles he also showed that he was well endowed with stamina. So today's trip should not pose a problem.

Terrible Gel has a sound chance of winning the Riding Mill Novices Chase, having already made her mark at Southwell and Kelso.

Mr Elk is arguably the weakest member of Reveley's raiding party. However, his opposition in the Battle Hill Selling Handicap Hurdle is so poor that he is given the vote.

Niven's fourth winner can come through Watertight, who is napped to win the Corbridge Handicap Chase.
On his seasonal debut at Sedgefield, he beat Bad Trade, Logamimo and Clares Own to win the Vaux Brewer-

ies Handicap Chase. The form of that race stands up under the closest inspection because the second, third and fourth have gone on to succeed at Haydock, Aintree and Ayr respectively.

No wonder the connections

to assess the threat of Laurie-O than Reveley, who trained him until he was sold for 9.600 guineas at Doncaster in May to his present handler, Ridley Lamb. Niven also has a chance of

riding a fifth winner with Camden Knight in the Linnels Handicap Hurdle. However, he looks liable to be foiled by Signor Sassie, a promising third at Haydock

last week. At Hereford, I respect Martin Pipe's decision to take on Clurican with Land Of The Free since Mohana, another of his horses, managed to heat the former by half-a-length at Cheltenham recently.

Land Of The Free won on the Flat in France before joining his string.

Cixi (2.00) and G'ime A Buzz (3.30) are other likely winners for Pipe there. At Plumpton, Charles

Egerton's bargain buy Stirrup Cup. who won by 20 lengths when making his seasonal debut there, can follow up in the Judy's Half Century Handicap Chase.

HETE ON! THUNDERER 12.30 Clurican.

MANDARIN 12.30 Land Of The Free. 1.00 Calabrese. 1.30 Smiles Ahead. 2.00 Cixi. 2.30 Light Veneer. 3.00 Bill Quill.

3.30 G'ime A Buzz.

1,00 Calabre 1.30 Smiles Ahead. 2.00 Cbd. 2.30 Petty Bridge, 3.00 BURGUNDY BOY (nap). 3,30 G'ime A Buzz.

RICHARD EVANS: 1.30 Smiles Ahead. 3.00 Burgundy Boy. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 BURGUNDY BOY.

GOING: SOFT

12.30 MARDEN NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0; £1,302; 2m 1l) (10 numers)

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1.00 SIDNEY PHILLIPS HANDICAP CHASE (52,234: 2m 3f) (4 runners) BETTING: 4-6 Calabrase, 3-1 Klasson, 4-1 Monophith, 10-1 Sir Moddy. 1091: KISSANE 10-10-0 D Togg (11-4) C Broad 4 can

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1.30 BISHOPS FROME NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,632¹ 2m 3f 110yd) (12 runners)

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5 0066-F FETTLE UP 8 (Mrs A Hind) J Whyton 4-10-9 B. Debon (7) 97
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SETTING 9-4 Mass Smoons, 3-1 Smiles Ahead, 5-1 Lynelly, 8-1 On The Line, 10-1 Streen Run, 14-1 Chierescurd Processos Colores, 16-1 others 1991; KNEGHTON COOMBE 5-11-3 Mr R Famon (108-30 lav) T Foreign 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

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2.00 BRIDSTOW SELLING HURDLE (£1,670; 2m 3t 110yd) (11 runners)

FORM FOCUS

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FORM FOCUS

MAYRELD PARK 27161 Stn of 18 to Cabin Hill in a newce handingo hundle at Easter (2m St. good to sok) PETTY BROGE 45: 3nd of 8 to Barton Bank in a grade 8 nowice chase at Worcester (2m 7).

3.00 BRIDGE SOLLARS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

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5	P510/0	GOLDEN CROFT 21 (D.F.S.) (D.McCam) D.McCam 9-11-3 Nr D.McCam (5) Jr -
6	06/0-4	STAR OF ITALY 28 (5 Ximber) A Turnell 5-11-3
7	10-FP6U	HOLLY BROWN 8 (D.F.G) (Mas H College) P Holdes 9-11-3
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n	P840-0F	MONASTRA 15 (N. Stambury) R Dickin 7-11-2
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1691: SHARP ORDER 6-10-11 T Elev (9-4 lav) Miss. 5 Wilton 7 ran FORM FOCUS

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3.30 shepherds meadow mares only national hunt flat race (2825; $2\mathrm{m}$ 10) (17 rumers)

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3	BEAUTIFIE DREAM 8 (Ducktover Study R Baker 4-11-0	
	BYTB LADY (Mrs. R Evens) R Evens 4-11-0 J Putter (7)	-
0	CNAM ARCTIC 40 (Nas B Brown) Mas A Price 5-11-0 Mir C Campbell (7)	-
00-	DRAKES COUNTRY 223 (Mbs. E Hill) Mrs H Person 4-11-0	
	MUTUAL AGREEMENT (A Frost) A Frost 5-11-0	
0-	NEARLY FIVE TOO 243 (A King) A Jones 5-11-D	
0	PEACEPUL POLLY 25 (Miss), Rochford) M Yaz 4-11-0	-
4	RAEHEL 218 (Mrs A Havill) Mrs A Hewill 5-11-0 S Wynne (6)	-
8	RUST MOOR 33 (E Beven) R Price 5-11-8 L Squire (7)	
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1991: LA PROCESSE 4-10-9 M McGoragie (?-1) S Civistian 16 ran FORM FOCUS

GTME A BUZZ held on well to hear Rossell Datos, witner over herotics hits season, by 11 in a National Hust Rat race at Hereford in May (2m. good). RMST MEDICA SS 6th to Herbit SEALITERS, DREAM made late headening when 27141 3rd to Sort in a National Hust Set race at Selection: GTME A BLUZZ

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS JOCKEYS M Pipe C Brooks N Henderson D Nachatson Mrs. H Parrott N Twiston-Can

THUNDERER

RESULTS PROM VESTERDAYS THREE MEETINGS

Huntingdon Going good to soft (chase course), soft

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1.00 Cm 110vd hote) 1, AND ME IA 1.3 roll (20-1), 2. Strafford Lady (5.0 Children (4-1), 3. Otter Bush IP Smith Econo (4-1), 4.10 AND The law Full Sign (6th. 1-1 ALSO AND The law Full Sign (6th. 1-1 ALSO AND The law Full Sign (6th. 1-1 ALSO AND The law Full Sign (6th. 1-1 AND Court Inc.)* 7 Chastal Flore (4-1), 4.0 Children Bush (4-1), 4.0 Children Bush (4-1), 4.10 Children (4-1), 4.10 Childre DF 173 so 195 Ch 176
2,00 Cm 51 110 vd 1 , NICOLUP in Deves.
5-2) 3 Ima Deleght & Carcell, 10-11-3.
Caroline Rua M A Figgerald, 9-2: ALSO Rell 15-9 lay Com Val Mer 16th 12 Calles Excelled up. 14 Saly Sohem (I), Canado Core (Inth. Lany Besterer 15th 6 ran 14-5); 41-21 in 17 Forster at Wantage Toy 23 10-61 20, 02-40-12 00 DF 120 80

230 Cm 41 110yd) 1 REMITTANCE MAN IF Dummoody 1.5 Jan 2 Emsee-H in Magune 35-11 3 Sarah Jay 15 Ficst 33-17 ALSO 9AH 4 Uncle Emg 14th 4 for out, net in Hungeron at Landout Lat 21:36 OF 23:30 CSF 25:79

3.00 (Sm cht i, NO GRANDAD (R Supple, 5-1); 2, Over And Above (J Kavanagh, 9-2), 3, Yorkaldrenan (M Ahem, 7-4 fay), ALSO RAN-5 Tarnington (pu), Barker's Gossip (4th), 14 Cumrew (pu), 25 The Fones (5th), 7 ran 2, 51, 101, 101, J Upson at Towcester, Totz, £4,80, £1,90, £2,50 DF; £9,70, £5, £25,60. DF: £9.70. CSF. £25 50.
3.30 (2m 110yd ndle) 1, BADRAKHANI (R Dunwoody, 11-2), 2, Ali Greek To Me (D Warnson, 9-4 tay); 3, Robgili (S Smith Eccles, 7-2) ALSO RAN: 9-2 Always Ready (Am), 6 Alreet (6th), 10 Thm Red Lins, 16 Fierbe (5th) 7 ran, 11, 24t, 118, 20, 81 M Henderson at Lambourt, Tote: £6 40; £3 30, £2 40 DF: \$6.50, CSF: £17.71. Placepot: £326.80.

Stratford

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Going: good to soft
1.20 2m 4f ch) 1, JiM VALENTINE (N
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Williamson, 10-1); 2 Pagmarine (M Hazell,
50-1), 3 Passo Alferta (ITV) (O Leaty, 501) ALSO RAN 2-7 (av Winhuood (pu), 10
11 ALSO RAN 2-7 (av Winhuood (pu), 10
11 Traval Temporare (f), 20 Friendly Barker
15th), 25 Tell You What (pu), 50 Pat Calle
15th), 100 Mr Dynama (pin) 9 ran, 4, 94, 121, 103, 104 (pu), 50 Pat (pu), 50 Pat (pu)
15th, 100 Mr Dynama (pin) 9 ran, 4, 94, 121, 121, 103, 100 Windle at Westbury-on55th, 103 St.) Windle at Westbury-on55th, 103

Forster at Wantage Tote, £2.10; £1.40, £3.10, £1.50 DF: £7.60 CSF: £15.87. 23 (0, E1.50 LP* E7 80 USF E15 87.
2.20 (2m til 110yd ch) 1, TRNAS LAD (N Williamson, B-1); 2, Flight Hill (P Niven, Evens tav), 3. Belestone Fox (C Llewellyn, 2-1) ALSO RAN: 14 Carne Down (4th), 20 Pacific Gern (pu), Studing Edge (5th), 50 Breakfast Car (pu), 100 Espero (pu), 8 ran. 12, 31, hd, 10t J Edwards at Ross-on-Wye Tote: \$2,60, £1 70, £1 50, £1 10, DF: £7.10 CSF: £15 66, Thicast, £20,25

CSF: £15 66. Tricast. £20.26 2.50 (2m 110yd) 1, FROMT PAGE (B Ctiff-ord 11-10 [av), 2. Kalzarl (D Lealty, 25-1); 3, Brithent Future (M Houngen, 25-1) ALSO RAN; 7-2 News Forgotten (4th), 4 Secret Liason, 14 Caromandoc (8th), 25 Will James (5th), 33 Monetary Fund (I), 8 ren 61, 71, 41, 71, 51, 3 Alechustra of Upper Lambourn. Tote: £1 90; £1.10, £3 70, £3.60 DF, £14 90 CSF £22.68 Tricast. £380.25

\$300.25

3.20 (2m ch) 1, PEAJADE (C Llewellyn, 2-1); 2, Padawenture (P Niven, Evers lav); 3, Tribel Ruler (G McCourt, 10-1), ALSO RAN 12 Gunner Steam (4th), 16 Rain Homes (f), 33 Cropdate (pu), Crossofspencihili (5th), 7 ran. 11, 25, 8i, das. D Nicholson at Temple Guiding, Tore: £2,90; £2,00, £1,50 DF; £2,00 CSF; £4 12. \$2.00. \$1.50 DF: \$2.00 CSF: \$4.12.
\$.50 (2m 81 110yd holle) 1. POLLERTON'S
PRIDE (Dane Clay, 12-1), 2. Mama's
Roscos (P Niven, 9-1), 3. Old Brig (P Scudemore, 8-13 Tay), ALSO RAN 6
Laundyman (4th), 14 Rebe Ribe, 16 File Jet, 40 Hezel Hill, 66 Cass (8th), 120 Silver Shilling, Regitme Cowboy Joe (8th), 200
Mary Borough (pal), 11 ma. 11, sh.hd., 101, 121, 51 W Clay at \$10(8-0x-Trent, Tote: \$11 40; \$1.80, \$2.80, \$1.10 DF. \$240.50
CSF. \$299.09. Southwell Going: standard

Going: samous (Dale Sombs (Dale Gibson, 10-1), 2, Lockingtorseinbow (12-1), 3, Hentu (14-1), 4, Lock Keeper (14-1) Tendresse 6-5 tex, 16 Ten, 34, 11 A Scott Tote: 67 60: 63,10, 62 40, 64,60, 63,00 DF (231,160 CSF, £129,03, Threshold, 1578,05 21,5/8/05 1.40 (50 1, Creche (N Dey, 11-1); 2. Another Episode (3-1), 3, Very Dicey (5-2 tav) 11 ran. 1141 hd Mrs N Macauley Tote, 615 10; 63 20, 62,00, 61 30, DF 68,30, CSF, 642,07

Es.su, CSP. £42.07 2.10 (1m 4) 1. Modest Hope (A Garth. 6-1), 2. Emperor Alexander (16-1), 3, Tempering (6-1), 4, Eurotwist (9-1) Qualisar Phythm 2-1 fav 16 ran. 14, 4, R Spicer Tote: 18, 10; £2, 10, £250, £1.90, £2.70 DF: £153.30 CSF-£103.59 Tricast: £748.83. 2.40 (6) 1. Broadstairs Beauty (S D Williams, 6-1); 2, Gussia Firk-Notile (9-2 fav); 3, Haratical Mass (7-1), 13 ran. 1); 1, 61. Mc Chapman, Toler: 66.90; £2.40, £2.20. £2.50, DF: £14.20 CSF: £34.81. Tricasl. £187.78.

3.10 (1m) 1. Precussion (B Crossley, 8-1): 2. Ann Hit (4-1); 3. Buglet (5-2 fav), 8 ran. 31, 34. R Armstrong Tote: \$20.90, £3.70, £1.70, £1.50 DF; £235.00. CSF: £40.52 3.40 (7) 1. Debsy Do (O Pears, 9-2); 2. Johnston's Express (10-1); 3. Narrover (4-1 fey) 14 ran. Hd. 3J. 5 Norton Tote, 54.00; 52.20, 53.20, 52.20. DF: 551.10. CSF, 551.34 Tricast; \$199.16.

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_	1.10 Carrigeen Lad.	1.10 Carrigeen
-	1.45 Manhattan Boy.	1.45 Manhattan
	2.15 Stirrup Cup.	2,15 Stirrup Cu
	2.45 Dare To Dream.	2.45 Dominant
	3.15 Belmoredean.	3.15 Belmorede

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1.10 JEVINGTON NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE Div I: £1,302: 2m 4f) (7 runners)	
1 00-3 CARRISEER LAD 20 (W Whiterest) N Herdardon 5-11-0 JR Kavert 2 809-FF4 (DLESH'S STAR 12 (P Nigson) A Moore 8-11-0 G L Ma 3 E. KARWA 459 (D Gardotio) Gardotio 5-11-0 A Mag 4 50-00P LAFIEEN 9 (B) (D Foster) Mos R Patrian 4-11-0 D Skyt 5 S3 THANKSTURTHEOFFER 30 (M Neimes-Crocket) 0 Windle 4-11-0 P McDern 6 ELECTRIC BUCK (R Moort) R Jame 4-10-9 A Mag R A 7 MA TRAVERS (R Soone) R Stone 4-10-9 A Magnetic ETTINE: 7-4 Compani Lad. 9-4 Nation, 3-1 Transcriptorecties, 5-1 idleign's Star, 10-1 Dectric Book, 14- 1991; YEOMAN CRICKETER 6-11-0 D J Murphy (10-1) J Siftond 11 cm	uine 64 mic - nott 85 iner - (7) -

1.45 STANMER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP

Œ (£1,550; 2m 1f) (9 runners)
3523 MANHATTAN BOY 23 (C.F.G.S) (Mrs D Humanetti J Filich-Hoyes 10-11 10 J Clarke (5) 95 MADO- THE YOMPER 121F (G.S) (P Seits) R Conts 10-11-5
630P CHAMPAGME RUN 6 (B.D.F.G) (1 Comor) W 6 M Tumer 7-11-4 P Carry (3) B3 3310- SLVER STRINGS 257 (Mrs M Paking) 8 Palling 12-10-10
4-013 MOBLE EYRE 14 (F,A,S) (A Smirr) D Gardotfo 11-10-10 D Meade (5) 84- 10500 DECIDENS BIO 9 (C.F,S) (8 Pearca) Mrs M Long 6-10 8 Lessa Long (3) 80
1200- DESERT PALM 184 (9,F.6) (C wells) R Hodget 7-10-3 D Leathy 1200- DESERT PALM 184 (9,F.6) (C wells) R Hodget 7-10-3 J Stenning (7) —
P-PS GUNNERSBURY ROAN 44 (Mes J Herein R Voorspuy 5-10-0

SETTIME: 9-4 Nable Evre. 3-1 Manhastan Boy, 4-1 Silver Styrigs. 6-1 Champagne Ruin, 6-1 The Yompie, 13-1 Desirt Palm, 20-1 Decising Biol, 25-1 Sent The Man, 33-1 Gunnerstony Roan. 1991: MANSIATTAN BOY 9-11-0 A Magnute (8-1) J Finch-Hoyes 15 nm

2.15 JUDY'S HALF CENTURY HANDICAP CHASE

,366; 3m 1f 110yds) (9 runners)				
JUPP-25 DAMERS CAVALRY 55 (F,G) (Mrs T Shelds) R Lee 9-11-12				
142112/ MAPALE 618 (S) (O Greg) D Greep 6-10-12 G Lipson -				
P.P.529-1 STIRRUP CUP 23 (CD,6.S) (7 Egenon) C Egenon B-10-10 J Osborne 98				
U-63321 POWT MADE 11 (F.G.S) (A Deat) J Booley 9-10-9 M Bookly 91				
D15-233 RARE LUCK 13 (CD.F.B.S) (Mrs D Hammerson) P Jones 9-10-7				
13F222 HEISHT OF FUN 13 (D F.S) (4 Staple) C Propriate 8-10-7				
1811/UP LITTLE GENERAL 32 (CD.F) (L. RODIESON) 5 ROWS 9-10-7				
UNICOU-P DANDY MONSTREE 14 (B.C.F.G.S) (Windows: Record) E Winesier 6-10-3 S Earle 93				
526335- ROVING SEAL 207 (5) (D Gelf) W G M Turner 10-10-0 P Holey 98				
1965; 7-4 Silmup Cap. 7-2 Pouri Made, 4-1 Damers Cavairy, 5-1 Helgiri Di Fun, 6-1 Rani Luck, 12-1 Impala, Damey Ministrel, 16-1 Rowing Seal, 20-1 Listie General				

1	1UPP 28	DAMERS CAVALRY 56 (F.G) (Mrs T Shelds) R Lee 9-11-12 A Maguire			
2	142112/	MSPALE 618 (S) (D Green) D Green 6-10-12			
3	P/F52F-1	STIRRUP CUP 23 (CD,6.5) (T Egenon) C Egenon B-10-10 J Ostome			
		PORT MADE 11 (F.G.S) (A Deal) J Booley 9-10-9 M Booky			
		RARE LUCK 13 (CD.F.B.S) (Mrs D Hammerson) P Jones 9-10-7			
6	13F222	HEIGHT OF FUN 13 (D F.S) (4 Staple) C Program 8-10-7 N Williamson			
		LITTLE GENERAL 22 (CO.F) (L Robinson) 5 Rows 9-10-7			
8	LEUCSU-P	DANDY MINISTREL 14 (B.C.F.G.S) (Windrust Recing) E Wheeler 6-10-3 S Earle			
9	526335-	ROVING SEAL 207 (5) (D Bell) W & M Turner 10-10-0 P Holey			
ETTRES: 7-4 Simup Cap. 7-2 Porti Made, 4-1 Damers Cavalry, 5-1 Height Oli Fut, 6-1 Rays Luck, 12-1 jim; 4-1 Damby Minstel, 16-1 Rowing Seal, 20-1 Liste General					
		1991: LE GRAND MATTRE 10-11-0 R Duminoody (5-1) G Ros 15 ran			

HEXHAM

12.50 Candy Tuff. 1.20 New Charges, 1.50 Terrible Gel. 2.20 Mr Elk. 2.50 WATERTIGHT (nap). 3.20

12.50 Candy Tuff. 1.20 Dickle's Gin. 1.50 Dale Park. 2.20 Mr Elk. 2.50 Watertight. 3.20 Jimmy Mac Jimmy. RICHARD EVANS: 2.50 WATERTIGHT (nap).

GOING: SOFT 12.50 PRIESTPOPPLE NOVICES CHASE (£1,350: 3m 1f) (11 runners)

(\$1,350: 3011) (11 fullners)

1 111- CAMBY THEF 252 (F.G.S.) Mic G Reveley 6-10-12 — P Naven
2 00-8 IRISH GENT 21 (F) W A Stephenson 6-10-12 Mr A Thornton (5)
3 -RP3 IRION PRINCE 13 × Giney 6-10-12 — A Orioney
4 494 LAST OF THE FLES 12 4 Machagenal 11-10-12 Mr D Machagenal
5 50- MR GLEN 322 6 Rectards 7-10-12 — N Compley
6 49/5 OUR SURRIVOR 5 (B, F) M W Esstenty 8-10-12 — R Garriery
7 F-3P RAMES RUSTER 5 1 Hopel 8-10-12 — D Bentley 5/9
8 09-5 ROYAL INVADER 5 (S) M Dock 8-10-12 — D Machington
10 130- MANYS BEST FRIEND 225 (BF.S) T Tata 5-10-10 — M Devyer
11 3-PP TAMARY MY GIRL 20 P Steamord 9-10-7 — Mrs A Familia
15 Comb. For 22 March Rep Fined 7-10 Mrs Me Giben 12-1 others 1-6 Candy Tott, 9-2 Man's Best Friend, 7-7 Insh Gent, Mr Glen, 12-1 others.

1.20 BELLINGHAM NOVICES HURDLE (£828: 2m 4l 110yd) (16)

| 1.55 APACHE BRANE 12 (C.G) 3 Goalding 7-11-5 ... C Dennes (3)
| 2.51 BABCOCK BDV 30 (F.S) Mrs G Reveley 7-11-5 ... C Dennes (3)
| 3-166 BB BABC 12 (B.D.F) 6 Rotains 5-11-5 ... N DIN-RURINGE
| 4 ABADCICK BDV 4 Scenteroon 4-10-12 ... J Supple (7)
| 5 545 BACA BEFORE DARW 12 P Montein 5-10-12 ... J Supple (7)
| 5 545 BACA BEFORE DARW 12 P Montein 5-10-12 ... J Dennes (3)
| 6 0-65 DOCORES (GW 12 (S) J Weste 8-10-12 ... J Supple (7)
| 7 MO KEPS SHARP 208 Mrs S SIME 6-10-12 ... J Orderoy
| 8 0 IT PROCEPTION 200 T Tate 5-10-12 ... A Orderoy
| 9 30-6 MANER JACASON 13 M HERMAND 6-10-12 ... A Orderoy
| 10 2-24 MENY CHARRES 13 (G) P BEASTOON 5-10-12 ... M Doyer
| 11 BB-5 PASSING T-HORIGHT 21 T Tate 5-10-12 ... M Doyer
| 12 440 BAPO MENYER 142F 0 Notan 5-10-12 ... M Berdey (5)
| 13 240 SAY LITTLE 13 G Monte 6-10-12 ... M B Berdey (5)
| 14 FP5 TURKDING 256 Mrs S Smith 7-10-12 ... M T Berd
| 15 -002 MERE COMES TRBIY 21 W Reed 5-10-7 ... T Reed
| 15 -P0- JOYFUL BMP 186 (V) J Dron 5-10-7 ... L O'Hara
| 14 New Chaptes 2-1 Many Leddon 5-10-9 Mar C Machinel
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| 15 -P0- JOYFUL BMP 186 (V) J Dron 5-10-7 ... L O'Hara

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: W Benhey, 7 whomes from 17 namers, 41.2% & M Moorg, 26 from 97, 28.9%, N Trader, 5 from 18, 27.8%; P Monteeth, 11 from 42, 25.2%; G Richards, 29 from 116, 25.0% W A Stagillerson, 41 from 181, 12.7%. TO CKEYS: N Bentley, 7 winners from 19 notes, 36.9%, G McCourt, 10 from 36, 27.8%, N Eoughly, 14 from 55, 25.5%, C Grant, 33 from 132, 25.0%, M Dayer, 16 from 66, 24.2%, P Niver, 16 from 103, 16.4%,

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD 1:3143 G000 TIMES 13 (BF.F.G.S) (Mrs. D Robinson) 6 Half 12-0 _______ B West (7) 68

Racesant number: Six-figure form (F — lett P — pastled up U — uncitated rider, B — brought down, S — stepped up R — missed. D — time, hard, 6 — good S — soft, good to soft, name; F if Rat, (B — bladenz, V — vroor H — name) Owner in brackets. Transer Age and hood, E — Presided, C — course varions. D — designal waters, CD — course and destance.

2.45 NOVEMBER NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0: £1,302: 2m 1f) (8 numbers) PO CORPUS 11 (J Newtorne) R Hodges 10-10 Wavene DARE TO DREAM 45F (Miss J Smith) R Alexand 10-10 A Magnim D Murchly 85 DOMBHANT FORCE 7 (Mis. P. Jubert) R Harmon 10-10 D Murchly 85 DOMBHANT FORCE 7 (Mis. P. Jubert) R Harmon 10-10 D Murchly 85 DOMBHANT FORCE 7 (Mis. P. Jubert) R Harmon 10-10 D Murchly 85 DOMBHANT FORCE 7 (Mis. P. Jubert) R Market 87 D Missing 10-10 D Murchly 85 D Murchl DERBOOK 157F (6 Herndag) M. Chanson 10-5 Lores Vincers

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BETTING: 9-4 Doorwant Force, 3-1 Date To Dream, 4-1 Mes Doody, 5-1 Let Cru, Tymon Door, 12-1 Corpus, 16-1 Fisianna, 33-7 Giddy Heights.

1991; GREEN'S VAN BOYEN 11-1 R Durwoody (7-4 lax) R Aleksast 16 rati 3.15 PEVENSEY NOVICES CHASE (£2,046: 2m) (9 runners)

est 6-1 Kisu kali, 8-1 Old Road, 12-1 Gr 1991; COUNTESS BLANDNEY 5-71-0 | Lawrence (25-1) P Buller 14 rati

3.45 JEVINGTON NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE 1 2 MR MATT 27 (Mrs E Boucher) D Gritzell 4-11-0 Peter Hobbs (E)
2 03-558* MCTHANGSITTE EASIRE 13 (Quantods Recing) C Pophum 6-11-0 M Williamson —
3 100- WH-O'S NEXT 228 (O Steele, J Janiers 4-11-0 J Osborne —
4 2011 CRAZY (DASY 200 (G) (Mrs P Resion) W G M Temer 5-10-9 A Maspurs —
5 P00000- MALPARSHOON 205 (I O'Painers) J O'Donoghue 5-10-9 B Cathord (3) —
BETTING: 4-6 Mr Mag. 7-2 Crary Desp. 5-1 Noshingburpleszum, 6-7 Witho's Next, 33-1 Milliperchoon.
1991: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

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	COURSE SPECIALISTS								
	TRAINERS R Akehursi D Grisseli N Henderson P Jones J Jenkos C Poologo	Wins 22 13 6 6 15	Pers 61 57 29 39 80 16	36.1 27.8 20.7 20.7 18.6 18.8	JOCKEYS N Williamson A Magune D Murphy P McDermoti J Clarke D Shrmie	Winners 3 14 7 3 5	Pages 5 43 28 12 26 48	50.0 32.6 25.0 25.0 19.2 18.8	

1.50 RIDING MILL NOVICES CHASE

(£1.155: 2m 110yd) (11) 2 | 1.107 | TERTRIBLE GEL 13 (D.F.5) Mrc G Revalay 7-71-12 | P Neven
2 10P | BENSARN 1908 (CD.S) G Richards 9-11-0 | M Designy
3 75-2 CAPTAN CUTE 19 D Sampton 7-11-0 | M Phastey
4 COUNT SURVEYOR W A SENTENCE OF 1-10 | M Microsoph
5 15-P DALE PARK 26 (D.S.5) N Tinker 6-11-0 | M Microsoph
6 7-0 BIVERTER 11 (D.F.) P Morreum 8-11-0 | M Microsoph
7 6-5F LODGING 4 B Ellions 5-11-0 | M S Swites
8 0-P4 MELITARY HOMOUR 15 (R.G.) J Swites 7-11-0 | M S Swites
9 P6 MOURTON BUGL 200 S Leadbrider 6-11-0 | C Grant
11 100 SPONSOR LEWIT 16 (S.) Bisecton 8-11-0 | T Reet
11 Terrible Get 7-2 Date Park 5-1 Carbon Cale 5-1 Investical 7-1 Military
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?-1 Temble Gel, 7-2 Dale Park, 5-1 Capton Cute, 6-1 Inventel, 7-1 Military Hongur, 8-1 Bengam, 12-1 Moution Buil, 16-1 others 2.20 BATTLE HILL SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

(£937: 2m 4l 110yd) (8)

2.50 CORBRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,456: 2m 4f 110yd) (9)

5 19/6 TRAPRAIN LAW 18 (6.5) W Rised 9-10-11 ... T Road 7 /01- CONTACT NEW M 405 (CD.F.S.5) W Rised 9-10-11 ... T Road 8 /01- CONTACT NEW M 405 (CD.F.S.5) N Bycont 10-10-8. A United 9 /01-1 WATERTIGHT 28 (D.F.G.S) MTs 6 Reveloy 7-10-8 ... P Neven 9 /919 LINISHRAB STREE 15 (B.C.D.F.G.S.) J Switers 10-10-7 as 8 Julies (C. S.) Mr R Halle (7) 6-4 Watertright, 7-2 Laurie-O, 6-1 Choice Chajiange, 7-1 Folt Dance, 8-1 Kambalda Fampler, 10-1 Contact Kehrn, 14-1 Denocs Jake, Tragnan Law, 25-1 Lington Bruke

3.20 LINNELS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,042: 2m) (10)

3 25P- SOME DO NOT 233 (D.F.S) W Storey B-11-7 ... K Doolan
4 -210 MRS JAML-PYGRO 15 (D.S.S) C Smith -11-6 ... M Ranger
5 12-P CAMDEN KONGHT 15 (D.G.S) N Sycroti 7-17-5 ... P Neger
6 35-3 SIENON SASSE ? (D.S.S) N TORES 4-10-12 ... G McCoent
7 10-3 DOTTON BULES 15 (D.S.) Mrs States 4-10-12 ... G McCoent
8 24-4 WHEPPERS DELIGHT 16 (D.G.S) G Crarles-Jones A-10-1
9 560- MARLY MAC JIMBN 7221 (S) Miss L Perrat 5-10-0 ... L O'Nam
10 000- RAGE 37F (D.F.D Nober 5-10-0 ... J J Charles
L Storey Servic A-1 Sens L Florich Even Mer Lenderter B-1 Tores Double

9-4 Signar Sassie, 4-1 Seen, 6-1 Duce Brues, Mrs Jaufeyford, 8-1 Timurs Double. 10-1 Jimmy Mac Jimmy, Whippert, Delight, 12-1 Gibers.

The virus is a form of equine herpes, but the particular strain will not be identified until the results of swap tests on infected horses are known on Friday.

Shutdown in

Hong Kong

RACING in Hong Kong has shut down completely because

a virus epidemic has struck

administers racing in the British colony, reported yesterday that it had called off all

meetings until further notice.

Racing is not expected to resume before the New Year

due to the epidemic, which has affected a third of Hong Kong's 900 racehorses.

Hong Kong's only international races, the group three

Invitation Cup and Invitation

Bowl, scheduled for Decem-

ber 13, are the chief casualties.

The RHKJC said the invita-

tion races would be re-sched-

uled for next year, possibly on

April 18.

hundreds of thoroughbreds. The Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club (RHKJC), which





England or Scotland

restrain the fouls? The an-

swer, need it be said, was not

nearly enough. Indeed, it often turned a Nelsonian eye.

The fact that Jones can repeat-

edly, for huge fees, change clubs, is an appalling reflec-tion on the lack of moral

leadership from the game's

guardians. The FA has

managers and coaches to play

Jekyll and Hyde with our

A succession of decent, well-

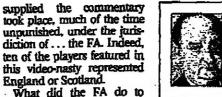
Leading association with promotion of foul play



SERIOUS, intelligent foot-ball — as opposed to Vinnie Jones's version of it - is 120 years old this year. The first nternational match, Engand v Scotland, and the first FA Cup final were played in 1872, coincidentally, the year in which G.O. Smith was born, as were those other legendary sporting figures, C. B. Fry and Ranjitsinhji.

It must be doubted whether the Football Association had any of this in mind when it imposed a £20,000 fine on Jones for his foolish and banal involvement in a video of the foul side of football. Nor will the FA, I suspect, have paused to consider the part it played in the activities portrayed in the film it has properly condemned.

aning FA chairmen, starting in the Sixties with the It is embarrassing - or at famous former Corinthian, least the FA ought to feel Graham Doggart and then in succession Joe Mears, Anof foul deeds for which Jones



DAVID MILLER Chief Sports Correspondent

drew Stephen, Harold Thompson and Bert Millichip, in-adequately challenged the escalating physical brutalisation of the game by a minority.

The sickness set in during the early Sixties. Bill Shankly, Harry Catterick, Don Revie, respectively managers of Liverpool, Everton and Leeds United, encouraged physical intimidation by players. The likes of Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham United were regarded as "southern softies". They were just trying to play football. Shankly, Catterick and Revie were

and the media lapped up their pseudo-philosophy "I'm glad you are enjoying your football," said a tellyman when seriously inter-viewing a Scottish inter-national centre half known

best for his fouls. A line can be drawn, not unreasonably, between Shankly's oft-quoted exagger-ation — that football is more important than life or death -and the excesses off the field as well as on it. Sky television mindlessly tries to sell football the way it sells soap powder: by using Shankly's comment. The FA, which ought to its own hand deep in the trough of shirt exploitation. Some members of Alf Ram-

sey's England team were not beyond using intimidation and the FA was forced into mute capitulation. When Nobby Stiles put Simon, of France, out of the game with a shameful tackle off the ball, in the preliminary round of the World Cup finals in 1966, the FA sought to have Stiles omitted from the team. Ramy would not budge, and Stiles's tackling was a key element in England's passage to victory. A reluctant Matt Busby, weary of seeing his brilliant players repeatedly harked down, resorted to retaliation; a line of hard men

Without Stiles, Ramsey pro-

ed to more physical players, introducing Hunter and Storey (two of the Jones video

drawing the blueprints for new levels of football as a physical game. They were fined £5,000, and Revie laughed all the way to European finals and the bank. And the FA's ultimate sol-

enough to assert, during his lawyers had no business in football; yet in recent seasons it has required civil law to redress violence on the field. So when the FA summons

encouraged by omission. The England team predictably went through a phase of

direction of Ron Greenwood: yet when Bobby Robson moaned about Maradona's handled goal in 1986, we did not hear the manager protest-ing about the England player who was apt to elbow opponents in the face, including an instance in the same match.

Edward Grayson, the author of Corinthinians and Cricketers which nostalgically recollects more elegant times. has inserted a memoriam for the birth of G.O., a centre forward to rank with Lawton and Lineker. Foul play in football is undoubtedly an endemic feature of the game. It is, however, the deeds of G. O., Matthews, Di Stefano, Pele and others that laid the foundations of the game's greatness. It is disappointing that today's guardians lack a

FOOTBALL

Souness challenges Barnes to prove his worth at Anfield

By LOUISE TAYLOR

JOHN Barnes made a triumphant return to the Liverpool first team after seven months out with an Achilles tendon injury by creating his side's winning goal in the Premier League match at Queens Park Rangers on Monday night.

substitute for Ian Rush, who injured a hamstring 17 minutes into the game at Loftus Road. In the 87th minute Barnes provided Ronnie Rosenthal with the pass from which the Liverpool striker scored the game's only goal.

Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, challenged the England international to prove his worth at Anfield. "The test for John at his age is to come back and do it consistently and be fully motivated and want to do

months out of the game time to have a close look at the fitness to Liverpool.

game and a close look at himself. I'm hoping to see the best of John Barnes because in my time here I have not seen it. What I have seen is stories saying he is going elesewhere.
"But John is a determined

man, he is keen to prove that his Liverpool and international careers are still very much Barnes said: "I am delighted to be back. I had no reaction to the injury and am very pleased. I would have

preferred just to have had 30 minutes but when Ian Rush got injured so early I had no struggle for me in the last 25 minutes, but I just need more er. I feel I need four or five to really get back into it. Nothing could be further from my mind than getting back into the England side at the moment. I just want to prove my

Barnet could sell Bull

BARNET look to have little ted, Aston Villa, Notts County option but to sell Gary Bull, their top scorer, if they are to pay the £50,000 fine imposed by the Football League on Monday for financial irregularities relating to player pay-ments and book-keeping (Louise Taylor writes).

The club must also meet costs, estimated at £15,000, and seem poised to cash in on Bull, who is valued at £500,000 and has been watched by Manchester Uniand Sheffield Wednesday.

Although Barnet's lawyers yesterday confirmed they plan to appeal against the fine, it will probably fail to prevent the departure of Bull, 26, who scored 24 goals last season and has claimed 11 in the present campaign.
It is possible that Stan

Flashman, the Barnet chairman, could sell his controlling interest in the third division

Rangers had dominated lengthy periods of the match. with Les Ferdinand coming occasions. Gerry Francis, the Rangers manager, said: "Barnes made a big difference to them, not always by what he achieved, but by his presence. It lifted them. I would have

David Speedie's loan period with Birmingham City has been extended for as month after official receivers called in to handle the Midlands club to be paid. Speedie, 32, a Scottish international forward, left Southampton after a ing he wanted to move back to his native Midlands.

preferred it had he stayed on

the bench.

Coventry City lost over £1.4 million on the last financial year, bringing their gross debts to £3.3 million.

A possible signing by Blackburn Rovers of the Norwehold vesterday. After training with the Rovers the full back. 25, left to join his national squad on a plane to China.

Sheffield United bave signed the winger, Andy Scott, from the Diadora League club, Sutton United, for £50,000. The fee will rise to E100,000 if Scott, 20, plays an undisclosed number of games. Sunderland, last season's

FA Cup runners-up, made a profit of £540,000 last year, compared with a loss of £615,000 in the previous 12



Drive time: Sainz, in his Toyota Celica Turbo, motors through Grizedale on his way to regaining the Lombard RAC rally lead yesterday

Grizedale stages return to haunt McRae

Spaniard to take over the lead.

pipe broke. McRae countered the absence of the brakes by

adjusting his four-wheel drive

On the second Grizedale

By STEPHEN STATER

A ROAD accident, a punctured front tyre and, finally, day combined to deprive Colin McRae of his lead in the Lombard RAC rally, as for the second year in succession. Grizedale, in Cumbria, provided despair for the Scot, who dropped to sixth after 26 stages. This allowed Carlos Sainz, of Spain, to regain the race lead, as his world championship rival, Didier Auriol, also hit trouble.

Last year, McRae, while well-placed, slid off the track in the forest close to Ambleside. But this time his problems started even earlier. when his Subaru Legacy was clipped by an on-coming vehicle on the road approaching the special stage. Although the

Subaru only sustained minor just 13 seconds longer than later, the strain proved too: but set the cars arrived a damage, McRae was delayed Sainz, the delay allowed the much and the differential Kershope, the first specia and arrived at the start with just moments to spare.

progressively worse, as a punc- brakes failed after a hydraulic tured tyre forced him to complete the 4.5-mile first Grizedale stage with a flat front tyre. Although he took

transmission but, a few miles LEADING POSITIONS (after 28 stages):

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Toyota, 3:34:44; 5, M Blaston and T
Swieso (II), Ford, 3:35:53; 6, C McRae and
D Ringer (GB), Suberu, 3:36:58; 7, M
Wilson and B Thomas (GB), Ford,
3:37:18; 8, S Blompylst and B Melander
(Swe), Nissan, 3:40:58; 9, K Briteson and
S Parmander (Swe), Missubjant, 3:41:02;
10, T Maldinen and S Harjanne (Fin),
Nissan, 3:42:13.

southern Scotland. 0728: Special stage 29, Delbestile, one mile south of Delbestile adjacent to A711 and A745. A 7, 0828: Special stage 30, Glenge on the unclassified road between Gelenouse of Fleet and Leurission. 1008: Special stage 31, Loch Deny, three miles SE of Bernfill on B7027. 1044: Special stage 32, Glentrool, 10 miles north of Newton Stewart on A714. 1241: Special stage 35, Loch Fleet, three miles south of New Gelowsy. 1453: Special stage 34, Ae, 10 miles north of Duranties.

The care then face as 200-cnie make

much and the differential Kershope, the first special failed. Hobbled with just stage in Kielder Forest, out of Grizedale with the 45th fastest time, losing four minutes to Sainz

"I just hope they cancel Grizedale next year, because I lost my brakes at the same corner as I went off the track last year," McRae said at the next service point. However, tage, he felt his battle for the lead was over. There's no way we're going to win the rally now," he added.

There was more drama in the foresis when the special stage at Comb, in the Lake District, was delayed for 40 minutes after a spectator collapsed with a suspected heart

front-wheel drive and rear another speciator had colensued Facing 20 miles in falling darkness, without the aid of spotlights, the clerk cancelled the stage.

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Meanwhile, a storming bettle between Sainz and the Lancias of Auriol and Juha Kankkumen was taking place. In the Lake District, Auriol set but the Spaniard countered in Kielder Forest for the final four special stages, extending his lead to 29 seconds. Trouble then struck for Auriol on the Broomylinn special stage when his car rolled to a half half a mile from the finish. A suspected blown en-gine ended his rally and world championship hopes.

YACHTING

Fleet leader sights first iceberg

JOHN Chittenden and his Nuclear Electric crew sighted their first iceberg yesterday as their charge continued south towards Cape Horn at the head of the ten-strong fleet in the British Steel Challenge round-the-world race (Barry Pickthall writes).

This crew, nicknamed The Chittendales" for their cabaret act ashore, pulled a further 96 miles ahead of Richard Merriweather's second-placed yacht, Commercial Union overnight, but it was the sight of ice, floating unseasonally

high at 42° south that had everyone talking in the fleet. "We have waited over a week for ice to go with the gin and tonics," Chittenden said when he described the iceberg floating 360 miles off the Argentine coast as being 250ft high and half a mile wide. "Comparable to the size of the Thames Barrier," he

Nuclear Electric now has a 236-mile lead over the fleet and if the crew can maintain this advantage, will round the

than a day in hand over their closest rivals. Just who will be second remains less certain. At 15:00 yesterday, Merri-weather and his crew enjoyed a six-mile lead over Vivien Cherry's Coopers & Lybrand, which remained stubbornly in

Willich remained stubbornly in sight on their horizon. LEADING POSITIONS (at 1500 GMT yesterday, with miles to Hobert): 1, hunder Electric (J. Chitanden), 8,182 miles, 2, Commercial Union (F. Menhweather), 8,482; 4, Hobrau Lager (P. Goss), 8,442; 5, Pride of Teesskie (j. MesCallway), 8,467; 6, Prone-Poulenc (P. Phillips), 6,478; equal 7, British Seel II (F. Tudor) and Heath Insured (A. Donovan), 8,478; 9, Interspray (P. Jeffed), 6,559.

Rothmans stub out two big sports sponsorships

ROTHMANS, whose sports sponsorship in Britain is estimated at about £2 million, is to end two large commitments in 1993, the Dunhill Amateur Masters Championship in golf and the annual grand prix in snooker.

Rothmans, whose Subaru car is doing well in the Lombard RAC Rally, is also to look very carefully at all of its sponsorships. However, the

only for 1993, but has at least one agreement until the end of

The rethink has not been caused by the recession, which has affected sponsorship, or by increased restrictions, which have been placed on tobacco companies promoting their products in sport. Nor is it a global decision by Rothmans International, the parent company, which supports many events, including the Honda world championship motorchange in the marketing strategy of Rothmans in the United Kingdom.

The Dunhill Amateur Masters has been sponsored by the company for six years and has up to 2,000 British clubs participating in the event. The grand prix in Reading has grown over the eight years of Rothmans promotion to become perhaps the most important snooker event after the world and United Kingdom

The company's other com-mitments include: the Dunhill Masters professional golf tournament, which is due for renewal in 1993; the Rothmans Village Cricket championship, which has one year to go of a two-year deal; the Rothmans Royals horse-racing series, which is subject to an annual agreement; and the part-sponsorship of Dur-ham County Cricket Club,

which has seven years to ☐ The government of Australia announced yesterday that sports events by tobacco companies will be outlawed by the end of 1995. Legislation is expected to be passed through parliament before Christmas. Peter Staples, the federal health minister, said legisla-tion would "break the nexus" between tobacco advertising and sport Advertising in stadiums would be phased out between June 1993 and December 1995. No new con-

tracts will be permitted.

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S Africa gamble on pace for second Test

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN JOHANNESBURG

more than 12 hours prevented India and South Africa from holding proper outdoor practices here yesterday for tomor-row's second Test match. The pitch covers at the Wanderers . ground, though, were equal to the challenge and the hard, bouncy surface prepared for the match was unaffected by

the storms. South Africa finalised their team yesterday and are expected to include an extra batsman in Cronje, with Henry, the leftarm spinner, omitted. It will leave their attack in the hands of Donald, Schultz, McMillan and either Pringle or

Matthews. This reliance on four pace bowlers will represent some-thing of a gamble as Schultz Johannesbury today to watch

HEAVY overnight rain for and McMillan have been having treatment for injuries. Schultz did not play for Eastern Province at the weekend. He has recovered from a damaged hamstring but has done little physical work for more than a week. McMillan has a slightly pulled muscle in the lower back.

The Indians, similarly, were contemplating picking Chetan Sharma, the fast bowler, at one time. They are reluctant, however, to discard Kumble, whose top spin and googlies, they suspect, the South Africans find hard to read. India will probably defer a decision until shortly before the toss.

Keith Fletcher, England's

the match. He regards his trip Pringle, who scored 28 and as a vital part of the preparation for England's winter tour of India, which starts on December 28. India's brilliant new batsman, Praveen Amre, is bound to attract much of his

Amre, aged 24, scored his tenth hundred in only his 26th first-class match when he made 103 against South Africa on his Test debut. ☐ Matara, Sri Lanka: New Zealand lost their second successive one-day match as their Sri Lankan opponents

balls remaining. Chris

20 off 8.1 overs.

survived a late bowling onslaught to win by one wicket yesterday. The Sri Lanka Cricket Board XI scrambled past New Zealand's total of 149 for eight with just five

shared in a seventh-wicket stand of 59 with Dion Nash to rescue New Zealand's innings, nearly pulled off victory when, in his second spell, he ripped through the Sri Lan-kan tall to finish with four for

Sri Lanka have picked two wicketkeepers, Hashan Tillekerame and Gamini Wickremasinghe, for the first Test against New Zealand, starting on Friday. Wickremasinghe, who played his only previous Test during Sri Lanka's 1989-90 tour of Australia, will stand behind the

Bishop has new role for Wales

David Bishop, the former Wales rugby union scrum half, was called into the Welsh rugby league team to play as a hooker against England on

Bishop, of London Crusaders, normally a loose forward, has been given his new role because Barry Williams, of Carlisle, is injured. Bishop is one of 11 former rugby union internationals among the 17 selected by Wales.

WALES: P Ford (Sationd); G Cordie (Bradford Northern); A Batternap (Warrington), J Deversur (Widnes); A Sullivan (St Heisens); J Getterns (St Heisens); K Site (Hearington); M Jones (Hut), D Bishop (London Chusades); D Young (Sationd, Captan), P Modern's (Widnes); I Marriow Hut), R Actemmen (Sationd), Substitutes: C Pearce Ryaddia York, R Philips (Warrington), A Haddey (Widnes), M Modern (Leigh).

Goode move Badminton: Andy Goode was

yesterday given the position of British Olympic team manag-er by the British Badminton Olympic Committee (BBOC). Goode, 32, has won 129 England caps, ten national titles and bronze medals in the Thomas and World Cups.

Saints succeed

American football: The New Orleans Saints beat the Washington Redskins 20-3 on Monday, leaving the Redskins, the Super Bowl charnpions, in danger of missing the play offs.

Strauss ban

Swimming: The German Swimming Federation has opted to stick to its six-month ban on Astrid Strauss, the former freestyle world cham-

steroids in March, and not refer the matter to Fina, the international governing body. whose minimum ban is two years. The decision means Strauss can race from next

Montgomerie in

Golf: Colin Montgomerie, of Britain, has been called up to replace John Cook, of the United States, in the world championship of golf in Jamaica next month. Cook finished second to Nick Faldo at the Open Championship.

Prean to lead

Table tennis: Carl Prean will captain an unchanged Eng-land team against Holland in the European League super division first leg play-off tie in Amsterdam on December 8. Prean will be joined by Chen pion who tested positive for Alan Cooke. Xinhua, Matthew Syed and



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6.00 Ceefax (32941) 6.30 BBC Breakfast News (98834835) 6.00 Caerax (36341) 6.30 BSC Breatcast News (98834835) 9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (3106651) 9.45 Ross King. Game show. The guest is House of Elicit actor Aden Gillett (s) (5538293) 10.00 News, regional news and weather (7352800) 10.05 Playdays. For

the very young (r) (s) (5735309)

10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. Today's edition includes Lestey Joseph touring a celebrity's home; Barbara Cartand with a romantic story; consumer affairs; and advice from agony aunt Claire Rayner (s). With News (Ceetax) and weather at 11.00 and 12.00 (42103800)

12.15 Pebble Mill. Among Judi Spiers's guests is pop singer Simon Climis (9975308) 12.55 Regional News and weather (78005038) 1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceelax) Weather (62019) 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (42123800) 1.50 Eldorado (f) (Ceefax)

(s) (73830496) 2.20 Snooker. David Vine introduces quarter-final action from the Royal Liver Assurance UK championship at the Guild Hall, Preston

(4793125)
3.50 Dooby Duck's Euro Tour. Puppet music show (s) (3273212) 3.55
Radio Roo. Episode nine of the 13-part children's comedy drama serial (r) (s) (4474090) 4.10 The New Yogi Bear Show (r) (9960922) 4.20 Watt on Earth. Science liction comedy thriller (s) (5458977) 4.35 [pso Facto. Thirteen-year-old Kate Johnstone leads at the different kinds of relationships encountered in generality. ooks at the different kinds of relationships encountered in everyday

life. (Ceefax) (s) (8394564) 5.00 Newsround (8116187) 5.10 Grange Hill. Children's drama set in a secondary school (r). (Ceefax) (s) (299569)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (596564). Northern Ireland: Inside

6.00 Stx O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceelex)

Weather (767) 5.30 Regional News Magazines (449). Northern tretand: Neighbours

6.30 Regional News Magazines (449), Northern tretand: Neighbours 7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (4212) 7.30 Tomorrow's World. The latest developments in the world of food and drink look at the problems faced by some French cheesemakers after a European directive, aimed at Improving hygiene, threatens brie, requefort and other cheeses with distinctive testes. (Ceefant (s) (000) tastes. (Ceeland (s) (903)

8,00 Trainer. Drama series set in the world of horseracing. Starring David McCallum, Susannah York, Mark Greenstreet and Patrick

Ryecart. (Ceelax) (s) (623670)

8.50 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson (s) (279125) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceelas) Regional news and weather (4293)



On safari: Michael Palin relates by a camp-fire (9.30pm)

9.30 Pole to Pole. Michael Palin continues his north to south travels, animal spotting in Kenya, visiting the site where Stanley was supposed to have met Dr Livingstone and laking a ferry down Lake Tanganyika to Zambia and Zimbabwe. (Ceelax) (838941)
10.20 Sportsalight introduced by Deemond Lynam. Snooker: the latest from the UK championship in Preston: Footbell: FA Cup first round replay highlights and reports on tonight's European club competitions; Motor Sport: news of the Lombard RAC Raily (2848293) 11.50 Weather (885545). Ends at 11.55
2.15am BBC Select: Accountancy Television (201797) 3.15 Legal Natwork Television Preview (25633881). Ends at 3.45 4.00 TV Edits — Frence Pangrama 4 (9413220). Ends at 4.50

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8.00 Breakfast Nave (4206477) 8.15 Westminster: A round up of business from both Houses (8540632)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes 2.00 News and weather followed by You and Me. Entertainment for intants (r) (52550545)

2.15 Yanks. How will Britain's, and especially East Anglia's, social and economic lives change now that the US Air Force is leaving after a 50 year presence? (52562380)

2.35 Country File. Rural issues explored by John Craven (r) (3078926) 3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (9082090) followed by Westminster 1-ive presented by lain Macwhriter (7576583) 3.50 News (Ceclary,

regional news and weather (1395106) nooker. Quarter-final action from the Royal Liver Assurance UK championship, introduced by David Vine from the Guild Hatt,

Preston (17770800) 5.35 Landscapes of England. In the first of lour programmes, first shown in 1976, Professor W.G. Hoskins, who died earlier this year.

explores the grandeur of the Lake Distinct (f) (594106).

6.00 Star Trek. Classic science fiction drama senes starring William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy (f). (Ceefax) (372903).

6.50 DEF II: Rough Guide to the World's Islands. Magenta De Vine and Rajan Datar with an alternative holidaymaker's view of Jamaica (s) (712767).

7.40 Top Gear Raily Report presented by Steve Lee live from the finish of the Lombard RAC Raily in Chester (919212)



The life and career of a crime writer; P.D. James (8.10pm)

● CHOICE: P.D. James, according to Randall Wright's approving • CHOICE: P.D. James, according to Randall Wright's approving profile, "has taken the detective novel closer to high at than any other practitioner of the genre". It is a big claim and no one in the firm begins to dispute it. Disappointingly, perhaps, there is no attempt to substantiate it either. But if the achievement is taken for granted there is still much of interest about the woman behind it. Particularly striking are James's accounts of an unhappy childhood, lacking essential love, approval and security, and the distress of tooking after a mentally it husband. Without pushing art and life perallals too far, extracts from the novels help to fill out the portrait. James describes herself as by nature a doubter. She thinks we are discosed to selfishness and greed and doubts our canacity for disposed to selfishness and greed and doubts our capacity for morel improvement. Yet the one thing she does not doubt is the love of God (s) (627496) 9.00 M*A*S*H. The 4077th's nurses decide to withdraw the medics's

privileges until someone dates their walking disaster colleague Edwina Ferguson (r) (1187380)

9.25 Nice Town,

CHOICE: As Guy Hibbert's bizarre drama moves into its middle episode, two things are becoming clear. One is that for a black comedy, the blackness far outweighs the laughs, despite a jokey sequence tonight in which four of the leading characters are rushed off to hospital by a couple of caricature ambulancemen. The other is that the title is even more ironic than we suspected. The town is not nice at alt, or least it has a very unhappy population. On the plot front Linda (Gwyneth Strong) has her artificially inseminated baby and soon wishes she hadn't, while husband Paul (Philip Devis) discovers he was not the baby he thought he was. Meanwhile morel wrath continues to be vented against the hapless teenage lovers. It is definitely an original series, but so far a somewhat puzzling one. (Cestax) (a) (977274)

10.25 Fifth Column. A personal view on a topical subject (324496)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (456485)

11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (710922)

11.55 Behind the Headlines. Linda Agran is joined by author Peter Kurth who tries once and for all to solve the riddle of Anna Anderson. Was she really Anaetasia, the daughter of Tsar Nicholas II? Joining in the discussion are Rotislov Romanov, great naphew of Nicholas II, and historian Michael Thornton (464816) 12.25am Weather (9158355)

RADIO 4

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6.00 TV-am (2042516) 9.25 Keynotes. Music game hosted by Akstair Divall (4749090) 9.55
Thames News (5711729)
10.00 The Time...The Place... Topical discussion sense (s)

10.35 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Pichard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. Today's edition includes legal actince and Liza Goddard on coming to terms with the menopause. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather (90106699)

12.10 Allsorta Children's entertainment (s) (2910167) 12.30 TN Lunchtime News with Sonia Ruseler and Nicholas Owen (Oracle) Weather (3796036) 1.05 Thames News (58246651)
1.15 Home and Awey, Australian family drame serial (Oracle) (715651)
1.45 A Country Practice Drama senal set in the Australian

outback (s) (714922) 2.15 Graham Kerr. The chef prepares pheasant and chestruis with herbed noe pilal (706903) 2.45 Take the High Road. Drama serial

set in the Highlands (7573336) 3.10 ITN News headines (9000496) 3.15 Thurnes News (9009767) 3.20 The Young Doctors. Drama senal set in an Australian city hospital (3385106)

3.50 Bugs Bunny. Carloon (2268380) 3.55 Rupert the Bear (1474835)
4.20 Grothags staring Carol Lee Scott as the wicked witch (r) (s)
(9153485) 4.40 The Tomorrow People Science liction drama series (s) (6463854)

Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (8773564)

Y Evening Names with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (750835) nes Help (r) (372944) 5.40 Early Ev

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (835) 6.30 Themes News (187)



Whose life is it anyway? Michael Aspet reveals all (7,00pm)

7.00 This is Your Life. Michael Aspel springs an emptional surprise on

another unsuspecting worthy (s)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (699)
8.00 Film: Beaches (1988) staming Bette Midler and Barbera Hershey. A warm-hearted story of a friendship between two women from vasity different backgrounds who meet by chance on an Atlantic City blacen blackgrounds who meet by chance on all August City beach. One, a strestwise New Yorker determined to make it as a singer, the other a woman from a privileged background destined to become a San Francisco lawyer. Directed by Garry Marshall (2564) 10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather (79748)

10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather (79748)
10.30 Thames News (603583)
10.40 Football. Highlights from the first round of four matches in the European Champions league, including Gtasgow Rangers' game at ibrox against the French champions Marseilles. The commentators are Brian Moore and Alan Parry (871212)
11.40 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossp (462458)
12.10am Film: Lost Horizon (1972) starting Peter Finch, Michael York and Liv Ullman. A musical version of James Hilton's classic adventure story about five people who stumble across a strange. Titletan land where health peace and lonnevity grinn. The first half. Tibetan land where health, peace and longevity reign The first half hour is a faithful copy of the 1937 version starring Ronald Coleman but when the group reach Shangri-La they are overwhelmed by Burt Bacherach-Hall David songs. Directed by Charles Jerrott

(78456626)2.45 America's Top Ten presented by Richard Blade (a) (21688)

3.15 Videoteshion (86207187) 3.40 Quiz Night. Pub and club team competition (70601220) 4.10 Grand Ole Opry. Country and western music from Nashville Tennessee (84929249)

4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Vintage neweclips (39152084) 5.00 Three's a Crowd. American comedy senes starring John Fitter (29084)

Drame set in the Indian Ray (80484654) 8.35 Devy Crockett, Indian Scout (1950): Staming George Monigomey (8801090) 9.50 Title King of Jazz (1950) (2285283) 11.00 The Cooperate (1829, b/w): Marx bribers compact (4858748)

brothers cornedy (46368748)
12.35pm The Charge of the Model Ta

(1979): First world war spy tale (54761854) 2.16 The World of Suzie Wong (1960)

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SKY SPORTS

EUROSPORT

SCREENSPORT

5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (42591). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartoons (47011)

7.00 The Big Breakfast introduced by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin 9,00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s)

(89125) 9.30 Schools (664651)

12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Anne Perkins (69361)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning senes (15293) 1.30 Eureeka's
Castle Young people's entertainment (r) (94546)
2.00 Film: The Small Back Room (1948, b/w)

◆ CHOICE: The Michael Powell-Emeric Pressburger team tackles Nigel Balchin's wartime novel about the defusing of a German bomb. The twist is that the hero, played by a tavourite Powell-Pressburger actor David Farrar, has an artificial foot. The pain drives him to drink. He is also having a secret affair. The unexploded bomb gives him the chance to prove himself and mend relations with his lover (Kathleen Byron). The film was liked far more by the critics than the public Powell thought they may have found it too cold. Certainly if lacks the imaginative bino of the team's great forties films, such as The Red Shoes or A Matter of Life and Death but the climacuc bomb disposal sequence, shot on Chesil Beach in Dorset, is 17 minutes of masteriul suspense Jack Hawkins, Cynl Cusack and Michael Gough score in supporting roles (8125)

4.00 Family Pride Drama serial about a Midlands-based Asian family

4.30 Fifteen to One Fast moving general knowledge knock out quiz presented by William G Stewart (212)



A model career: Cindy Crawford, Oprah Winfrey (5.00pm)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show The guest is Cindy Crawford who talks about her modelling career. her new role as an MTV presenter, her exercise video and her marriage to Richard Gere (s) (8629361)

5.55 The Magic Roundabout. Classic children's senes namated by Nigel Planer (r) (172926)

5.00 Treasure Hunt Anneka Rice dashes around North Wales searching for hidden treasure (r). (Teletext) (81403)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext)

Weather (118187) 7.50 Party Political Comment from a Plaid Cymru politician (327477) 8.00 Brookside. Topical soap set in suburban Merseyside. (Teletext) (s)

8.30 Travelog presented by Pete McCarthy, Sebastian Scott samples

strile-tom Sri Lanks at the wheel of a 1947 Morris Minor and Alan Coren takes to Scottish Border country. (Teletext) (s) (2477)

9.00 Dispatches. A report on the alleged role of Mark Thatcher in the selling of British arms to the Middle East (347019)

9.45 Short and Curries London South West, Martin Crimp's story of a structure of the intersect. With Singer Time!

suburban girls' night out that ends in tragedy. With Simon Tymell, Sarah Winman, David Leigh and Adjoa Andoh (745670) 10.00 The Golden Girls. Comedy from the delightful Miams matrons.

(Teletext) (s) (60090)

10.30 Hale and Pace. Gareth and Norman with another collection of comedy sketches (r)

11.00 The Prisoner. Cult drama series devised, produced and starring Patrick McGoohan (r). (Teletaid) (65106)

12.00 The Steve Allen Show (b/w). American satirical comedy series

from the 1950s, The guests are Liberace, Bea Arthur, later to become one of the Golden Girls, and Lou Costello (49404) 12.30am The Best of the Worst. More cringe-making clips from American television, presented by Greg Kinnear (s) (5877442)
 12.55 Film: Darriya Dil (1989). Hindi drama about a self-made successful businessman and his conflicts with his two sons. Starring Govinda, Kimi and Kadar Khan. Directed by K. Ravishankar. English subtitles

(95918713). Ends at 3.50

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

CENTRAL

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Street (3380) 7,30 European Footbell
(34659) 9,30-10,00 This is Your Life (17496)
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War of the Worlds (1657959) 3,49 Stage Two
(2576323) 4,36 Pick of the Week (10020065)

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3.30 Corl Spezzati: The Taverner Players under Andrew Parrott perform music by Giovenni Gabrieli 4.00 Choral Evensong: Live from Rochester Cathedral

5.00 in Tisse: Andrew Green
presents music, news and
weather, and talks to the
trombonist Christian Lindberg

7.25 The Royal Concert

Oct-OiCE: While musical charities will benefit financially from this attractive and

promites attractive and popular programme, broadcast live from the Festival Hall in the presence of Princess Margaret, the musical banefits will be the listener's. Libor Pesek conducts the Royal Liverpool Philiharmonic, accommended by the Handel

Royat Liverpool Philharmonic, accompanied by Ida Haendel, violin, Gifflan Weir, organ, and musicians of the Royal Military School. The programme includes Strauss (Fastive Pretude), Dvořák (Violin Concerto), Liszt (Pretude and Fugue on Bach), Schubert (Unfinished Symphony). Dvořák (Slavonic Dances, Op 72, Nos 9 and 12). During the Interval at 8.20, Peter Stead talks about royal patronage of the arts (f)

the arts (r) 9.40 Words, with the historian Conrad Russell

9.45 Songs from Vienna: Mark

10.25 Messiaen: Ensemble Modern under Hans Zender, with Ueil

Wiget, piano, performs

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Couleurs de la cité céleste
10.45 Night Waves: Lisa Jardine
talks to the Brazilien singersongwriter Chico Braque
11.30 Beethoven Plano Trios:
Peter Frankl, piano, György
Pauk, violin, Raiph Kirshbaum,
cello, perform Variations on Ich
bin der Schnelder Kakadu, Op
121a: Trio n D. Op 70 No 1.

121a, Trio in D, Op 70 No 1, Ghost 12.30-12.35am News 1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am) 2.30-3.10 Night School Extra

5 Songs from Vierana: Merk Tucker, tenor, and Nigel North. quizer, perform Ferrani (A Giorgina); Brismbilla (Se vivere no possito); Ferrani (A Carolina); Giullani (Ständohen; Lied aus der Ferne; Abschied; An das Schicksal, Sechs Lieder, Op 89; Le Pose, Op 48 No 9; Giocoso, Op 148 No 4); Weber (Tre canzonette, Op 29) In

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(708903) 3.20-3.50 Blockbusters (3388106)
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(s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, Incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, Incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55

8.00, 8.30 News 8.55, 7.55
Weather 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Mildweek: Libby Purvea's birthday guest is the actress June Whitfield (s) 10.00-10.30 News; Wilko's Spain (FM only): Tony Wilkinson (FM only): Tony Wilkinson other to the control of the con

about her work with the World Health Organisation and

Health Organisation and reports on doctors who are altacked by their patients. Incl. 11.00 News.

11.30 Gardenera' Question Time: Members of Bladon Gardens and Allotments Society, Oxfordshire, put their questions to the experts (f) 12.00 Your and Yours: Sally Hawkins examines poverty in Britain in the 1990s.

12.25pm The House; Christopher Lee's political drama (5/8) (s) 12.55 Weather.

YORKSHIBE

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As London except 2.18pm-2.45 Highdays and Holidays (709903) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6773564) 6.00 Calendar (835) 8.30-7.00 Blookbussers (55695) 8.00-10.00 Film: Benetic Cop 8 (25694) 11.40 The Equation (990832) 12.35 American Gladintors (3669629) 1.35 Holywood Report (4694602) 1.55 Videolastion (9790171) 2.25 Kopat (New York polson drame series) (1671152) 3.25 Music Box (3547355) 4.25-5.30 Job-Note (48242404)

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4.45 Short Story: Seriously Seeking J.K. Galbraith; by Catherine Mentman. Read by Marie Phillops 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

5.55 Weather

SKY NEWS

SKY MOVIES+

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5.35 Weather

6.00 Str O'Clock News

6.30 Flying the Flag: As Unequal as Others. The third of an eight-part comedy-drama by Alex Shearer (s) (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Anchers (r)

7.20 Costing the Earth: The Polar explorer Robert Swan explains why he became a rowing UN commissioner for the environment (r)

environment (r) 7.45 Medicine Now (r)

7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 Age to Age (r)
8.45 Tolstoy — At War and Peace
● CHOICE: Only listeners who
demand to know exactly who
is saying what, where and
when in a literary biography,
will not take kindly to the third
collaborative effort of compiler
Michael Balsewell and director
Ensansau Hart In their life of nto the Night 12.00-4.00

Rosemery Hart. In their life of Tolstoy, as in their lives of Dickens and Lewis Carroll. Bakawaif and Hart eachew labels and use the thread of music seamlessly to stinch logether the voice of the write characters from his books. and quotes from tenity and friends. Episode one of *Tolstoy* shows that the Bakewell-Hart formula is showing no sign of

weer and lear (s) 9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White (s) 9.59 Weather

12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (s) (f) 1.55
Shipping Forecast
2.00 The Psychedelic Spy:
Mondays Are Hell. Second of
a five-part thriller by Andrew
Fliselk. With James Aubrey as
Billy Hindle, Joanne Lumley as
Tara Lightborn (s) (r)
2.47 Treasure Islands: Bel
Mooney and Danny Baker
choose books for Christmas
presents (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with
Alexander MacLeod (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Run of
the Coursy, Written and read
by Share Connaughton (8/10)
11.00 The Friend in the Corner:
Daphne Oxenford charts six of
the most influential years in the
history of BBC radio, starting
with 1938 choose butters for Christines presents (f)
3.00 File on 4 (f)
3.42 Devil's Advocate: Clive Anderson presents the last programme in the series. The author Kathy Lette defends the first first out Becky Sharp from Theckeray's Vanity Fair (g)
4.60 News. 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the film

with 1938 11.30 Today in Parliament 12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only) Of Mice and Men, and Ridley Scott's cut of Blade Flunner; talks to British directors about what furn they would ideally

2.00 Record Review presented by Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9ain)
Roderick Swanston (f)

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 Twenty-lour hour news service

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SKY MOVIES GOLD Vis the Astra autolitie
8.00pm Polion That Dreem (1962). Mus-cal comedy starring Elvis Presley (52545)
8.00 Deathing (1982): Michael Caine wants

Vis the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
 6.45am Conduct Unbecoming (1975)

(40293) 6.30 This Kick Box (15019) 7.30 and the Magic Torch (79271212) 8.30 Jem Footbell Europa (30564) 8.30 Revs (1090) 8.00 Bask-ethell (52944598) 11.20-1.30em (4624899) 7.30 Neighbours (4003105) 8.00 East-ethell (52944598) 11.20-1.30em (4624899) 7.30 Neighbours (4003105) 8.00 Cast Enders (1787038) 8.30 East-Enders (1786309) 9.00 The Bill (1780361) 8.30 One by One (4206835) 10.30 A Very Peculiar Practice (4514865) 11.20 Terry and the Magic Torch (79271212) 8.30 Jem (5031903) 7.00 The Animased Flash Gordon (4624899) 7.30 Neighbours (4603105) 8.30 East-Enders (1786309) 9.00 The Bill (1780361) 8.30 One by One (4206835) 10.30 A Very Peculiar Practice (4514865) 11.20 Terry and the Magic Torch (79271212) 8.30 Jem (5031903) 7.00 The Animased Flash Gordon (4624899) 7.30 Neighbours (4603105) 8.30 East-Enders (1786309) 9.00 The Bill (1780361) 9.00 The Bill (17

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10.00am Women of the World (22941) 10.30
Cover Story (48903) 11.00 Gloss (18699)
11.30 The Joan Rivers Show (3934212)
12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael (9164898)
1.10 Lunchbox (94179632) 1.40 SeleWedding (5032212) 3.00 The New Newlywed Carne (6822) 3.30 The Mothers-In-Law
shorzhaft A 10 Each Man Delts Show Starring Nency Kwen (58269274) 4.25 Nobody's Boy; An orphen is sold to an acting troupe (58642212)
7.00 Ghost Dad (1990). Bill Cosby relates from the deed (28944)
9.00 Immediate Family (1990). A couple [8027941] 4.10 Dick Van Dyle Show (8248187) 4.30 Gameerows (2767) 5.00 Concentration (6767) 5.30 Seb-a-Valon (3019) 6.00 Sely Jessy Rephael (73187) 7.00 Selt-a-Vision (270495) 10.00 Music Videos (6791854) 2.30em Top Five (22084) 11.80 Q & A (1990) Timothy Hutlon reestigates cop Nick Notic (\$70361) 12.158m The Ten Million Dollar Gatavay (1991): Gengster thiller (96995317) 2.50 Bloodline (1979) Audrey Hepbum Inherits a phermaceutical company (951607) 4.50-6.00 Nobody's Boy (f) (4043171)

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RADIO 3

7.00 On Air, with Chris de Souza. On Air, with Chris de Souze. Inctuding Corelli (Tho Sonata in F, Op 1 No 1: English Concert); J.C. Bach (Sinfonia concertente in E flat: London Festival Orchestra under Ross Pople, with Alan Hacker and Arthous Piller, delingte Anthony Pike, clarinets, Geoffrey Gambold, bessoon); Nikolai (Overture, The Meny Wives of Windson: Bamberg Wives of Windsor: Bemberg Symphony Orchestra under Karl Anton Rickenbacher); Maswell Devies (An Orkney Wedding with Sunnise: Scottish Chamber Orchestra under the composer, with George McKwham, Highland

9.00 Composer of the Week:
Purcell — The Theatre Music.
Nymphs and Shepherds, The
Libertine (Academy of Ancient
Music under Christopher
Hogwood, with Judith Nelson,
soprano); Music for a white,
Oedipus (King's Consort under
Robert King, with James
Bowman, counter-tenor); King
Arthur — Acts 3 and 5
(Soloists; English Concert
under Trevor Pinnock) bacoices

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10.00 Midweek Choice, presented by Susan Sharpe. Stravinsky (Les cinq doigts); Rimsky-Korsakov (Song of India, Sadko); Rossin, arr Respighi (La bourique fantasque); Debussy (Arabesque No 1); Mozert (Divertimento in C, K 187); Telemann (Funeral music for a sweet singing carrary); Poulenc (Sonata for hom, trombone and trumpet); trombone and trumpel); Tchaikovsky (Concert Fantasy, Or. 56), Faure (Net); Les roses d'Isphahan; Soir): Glière (Russian Sallors' Dance, The Red Poppy): Stravinsky (Valse pour les enfants)

12.00 Russian Connections: Gerard McBurney presents the last of four programmes of Russian orchestral music (r) 1.00pm News 1.05 Concert Hall: Live from

Broadcasting House, London. The plants! Piers Lane plays

Mussorgsky (Pictures et an Exhibition); Rachmaninov (Preludes, Op 23; No 4 in D and No 10 in G fleth); Balakire (Islamey)
2.00 Record Review, presented by Roderick Swanston (f)

SKY ONE Vis the Astra and Marcopolo estallitae 6.00mm The DJ Kst Show (8887/38) 8.40 Mrs Papperpor (9858496) 8.65 Playebout (7184293) 8.16 Carloome (808019) 8.30 The Pystraid Same (81930) 10.00 Lar's Marke a Deal (79851) 10.30 The Bold and the Beautiful (25941) 11.00 The Young and the Residees (81546) 12.00 St Eleswhere (54941) 1.00pm E Street (95361) 1.30 Geraldo (53584) 2.30 Another World (3646489) 8.15 Sonth Beaburn (846603) 3.45 The DJ Karl

Sorita Barbarra (348/03) 3.45 The CJ Kirl Show (87/1299) 5.90 Star Treic. The Ned Generation (1787) 6.00 Rescue (9038) 8.30 E Sheet (3090) 7.00 Family Tes (2496) 7.30 S.J.B.S. (9274) 8.00 The Heights (88222) 9.00 Malrose Place (75/455) 10.00 Studie (17922) 10.30 Star Treic The Ned Generation (79/125) 11.30 Pages from Skytexi

e Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 6.00m Showcase (7167187)
10.00 She'll Take Romance (1990) Linda Evera judget a corded (46922)
12.00 Blue (1998) Western drama (86563)
2.00pm Portratt in Black (1990): Lizza Turner plots to murder her husband (92125)
4.00 Come Need Spring (1956). A pentiem elecholic resurs home (8699)
6.00 She'll Take Romance (89477038)
8.00 Bethurne — The Meritag of a Hero (1990): Bopte of the doctor (84105)
10.00 Whitspers (1989): Victoria Tennani is stalled by an occult killer (545125)
11.35 Talking Wells (1966): A statient victors couples in a seedy hote (747105)
1.00mr Buy and Call (1967): A sociobolor setts up business un pricon (721807)

for (1990) Horror story (576065) 4.15 Where the Heart is (1990) Family

Christopher Reeve's script (57080) 10,60-11.50 Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore (1974); With Ellen Burstyn (21187) THE MOVIE CHANNEL

e via me Astra satellae 7.00em NBA Acton (S0212) 7.30 BMW Tenns (48019) 8.00 Football Europa (78600) 9.00 Pro Kick (85485) 10.00 BMW Golf (35803) 11.00 Dag Racing (83903) 11.30 Bouling (81125) 12.30pm NFL 1922 (59689) 2.30 Metchroom Pro Box (94187) 4.30 Powersports (S2564) 5.30 Ladies Bouling

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Bruno Brookes
(FM only) 6.00 Smon Mayo 9.00 Smon Bates
12.30pm NewSteet 12.45 Jelde Brambles
3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 6.00 Mark Goodler's Evering Session 9.00 The Man Etale Sunshine Show 10.00 Nicky Campbell Good

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Jennity Young 2.90pm Glone Humitord 3.30 Ed Steven 6.35 John Dunn 7.00 The Cusen of Romanner Lestey Joseph stars in Stagliten Sheden's correctly (2/6) 7.30 The French Had a Song for It (2/6) 8.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 8.00 Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains 9.45. The Singer and the Song Emile Food 10.00 Edmundo Rus (i) 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05em Jazz Parade 12.35-4.00 Steve Medden with Night Ride

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Völler recovers from injury in time to lead Marseilles in European Cup tie at Ibrox

Rangers ready to take first step to final

POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE British flag is about to be carried into uncharted territory. Rangers, when they take on Marseilles at Ibrox tonight. will become the first domestic representative to compete in the Champions League, the official term for the round robin tournament featuring the last eight clubs in the

European Cup.
The Scottish champions are favoured not only to open with ultimately to win the less formidable of the two groups. Their other opponents are CSKA Moscow, whom they are to meet on neutral German ground in a fortnight. and FC Bruges.

The odds on Rangers fell once they avoided being drawn in the same quartet as AC Milan, the strong favourites to claim the cup. Nevertheless, the series of six matches are so far removed from their usual weekly duties that no one can be certain how they will fare.

Their superiority in Scotland's premier division is so crushing that Walter Smith, their manager, is able to rest members of his squad without endangering the club's prospects of collecting yet another title. He has so far used 24 players in a side which is five points clear of Heart of Midlothian, their nearest challeng-

ers, with a game in hand. In between the two second round ties against Leeds United, Rangers picked up the first domestic honour on offer, the Skol Cup. Having won the double last season, the treble is within the reach of a club in

TEAMS

the process of outgrowing its own Scottish playground. In bearing Leeds 4-2 on

aggregate, they established themselves as the unofficial British champions, a title which earned them £970,000. the prize for reaching the last eight. Each point they gain at home and away against Mar-seilles, CSKA Moscow and Bruges will be worth another £225,000.

Throw in the gate receipts, which will probably amount to more than £1 million, and Rangers are bound to enhance their boast as Britain's richest club. Their wealth, and that of tonight's opponents, has been gathered principally for one purpose. That is to be crowned as the Kings of

Marseilles almost achieved it last year, losing to Red Star Belgrade on penalties in the final, and would appear to be the most powerful of Rangers' rivals. Even if it was not the first fixture for both clubs. therefore, tonight's occasion promises to be heavy with

The continuing severe doubts about McCoist's availability are especially regrettable. Comfortably the leading scorer with 33 goals in all competitions this season, he was unable to train yesterday and Smith is not prepared to

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risk inflicting further damage on the calf of one of his most

Völler, the equally menac-German international and the leader of the Marseilles attack is conversely likely to have recovered from his injury, the ribs he broke three weeks ago. Their recentinstalled manager, Raymond Goethals, is still concerned that his prime for-ward may not be sufficiently

Völler scored at Ibrox in a pre-season game in July. Mar-scilles won 2-1 then, but they will scarcely recognise the stadium tonight when they walk out in front of a capacity

Smith insists that his side will treat the French champions much as they did Leeds. There is, as he pointed out, one obvious difference. "We don't have the problem of away goals hanging over us," he said. "That will be a help to the home teams from now

The emphasis will not be on defence, which so firmly and effectively withstood the seige at Elland Road three weeks ago. It will instead lie on attack, where Hateley will, in the probable absence of his prolific partner, have as potentially decisive a part to play as he did in eliminating the English champions. ☐ Tonight's match between

Rangers and Marseilles will be transmitted live on the following ITV regions: Granada, Central. Tyne Tees, Scotish, Grampian, Border and Ulster. Highlights will be shown after News at Ten on Thames, TVS, Yorkshire, HTV, Anglia and Channel.



Warming up: Durrant, left, and Gough put the finishing touches to their training before the game yesterday

Smith weighs options over injured pair

Gough's absence could be

IN CONTRAST to the excited air of anticipation at Ibrox yesterday, on the eve of Rang-Walter Smith, the manager, was calmness itself. Yet his strategy has been so disrupted by injuries to key players that it will be lunchtime today before he will be able to settle on his squad for this evening's meeting with Marseilles.

McCoist, Britain's leading scorer with 32 goals for Rangers this season, remained doubtful to play, after aggravating a calf-muscle in-jury in training on Monday.

while Richard Gough, the captain, will decide this playing in what is liable to be a combative contest.

pounded by the rule which restricts him to naming only three foreign players in his squad, because the men available could not be used as straight substitutes for either Gough or McCoist. "I am not trying to be unhelpful," Smith said at one stage in yester-day's press conference at Ibrox, when he was being pressed to give clues about his alternative strategy. "I simply do not know who we will use

extent by the return of Stevens, who has come successfully through two games in Rangers could deploy Brown and McPherson in central defence without feeling exposed, even against players such as Völler and Pelé.

McCoist would be harder to replace, because of his predatory skills around goal and because he has developed a sound understanding with Hateley. He could be replaced by Mikhailichenko or Huistra, but Durrant may be a more likely partner for Hateley. Smith has indicated

He compiled a 136 total

clearance, the highest break of

the televised stages, in the first

Monday, and in all, included

10 runs over 40 in a convinc-

ing display. Wattana, who surprisingly

beat Steve Davis on the way to

the semi-finals of the event last

year, has dropped only five

this time. That impressive

record did not dissuade him

frames in three matches here

that he will rearrange the youngster from the reserves if

At least the fear of concedfrom Rangers' thoughts. "Now that the away goals don't count, I feel it's go be a very open game with both teams ready to have a go."

Gough said yesterday.
"Sure, they'll be physical. probably a lot more physical than most people expect, but we have guys who can handle themselves in that department and I don't think it will become overheated.

What I do feel we will see is a game with a lot more

While Wattana drove across

Hallett, who had defeated

Dennis Taylor 9-3 in the

previous round said: "It's one

of the worst performances I've

EVET PLAT IN."
RESULTS: Fish round: J Wetterne (Thei) bt M Hallett (Engl., 9-1. D Morgan (Wales) led J Ferguson (Engl., 5-3.

the M62 on a high, Hallett

travelled the long road back to

passing to feet, because they won't bombard us with high balls the way Leeds tried to do and we are a team which likes to play on the deck when think this could be a right good match for the Not everyone agrees; some

ITV companies in England will not screen tonight's game live. However, the Ibrox television gantry has been extended to cope with the broadcasters who will transmit the match live to ten European countries, while over 20 radio stations have also applied to cover the

Tattersalls * transfer top sale to Ireland

BY RICHARD EVANS RACING COPPRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S racing and bloodstock industry received another shattering blow last night with the announcement that the prestigious Houghton yearling sales will be staged in Ireland rather than Newmarket next year. The decision by Tattersalls was prompted by high VAT rates on bloodstock in Britain and Customs and

Excise changing the iax rules.

The Houghton sales attract the finest thoroughbreds and this autumn the average price for more than 200 yearings was £46,000, produc over of between £15 and £20 million. In September, Taitersalls had been assured by Customs that yearlings originally purchased in Ireland or France and resold at their tract no VAT under a special

changed their previous inter-Irish or French VAT charged in either of these two countries, would have to be sold by flat rule farmers with VAT in Newmarket or VAT would have to be charged on emry into the UK," Tattersalls said VAT on bloodstock here is 17.5 per cent compared to 2.7 per cent in Ireland and 5.5 per ent in France.

Tattersalls laid the blame for the sales switch firmly at the government's door last night. This decision has been brought about by the UK government steadfastly refus-

government scausacy rens-ing to give the industry the competitive low rate (of VAT) available under EC law."

Michael Watt, chairman of Tattersalls, said: "The Cus-toms decision pushed us over the edge. We really felt we had no other choice."

Although Watt said the anctioneer's October, Autumn and December sales would "forsecable future", many in the breeding business will see the removal of the Houghton sales to Fairyhouse in Ireland as the thin end of the wedge While the French and Irish governments have gone out of their way to help their breeding industries over VAT, British ministers and Customs officials have repeatedly found reasons for opposing the interests of domestic breeders.

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Wattana lines up White in his sights

However, Wattana, the world No. 7. lost to White in

the final of the British Open in

March, in the semi-final of

World Masters last year, when

White went on to claim a first

prize of £200,000, and in the

ast 16 of the 1990 UK

Having captured the Bel-

gian Masters title in Antwerp earlier this month. Wattama

possesses a realistic chance of

becoming the first overseas

championship.

By PHIL YATES

JAMES Wattana, of Thai-

land, will try to record his most

important victory over Jimmy White when they meet in the

quarter-finals of the £375,000

Royal Liver Assurance United

Kingdom championship at

Wattana, who required 21

minutes to convert a 7-1

overnight lead into a 9-1 win

over Mike Hallett in the fifth

round yesterday, has beaten

White on 10 of their 14

Preston Guildhall today.

Conductor's stick (5) Width (7) Horsemanship (13) Pictures (6) Vanishing (13) Very fat (5)

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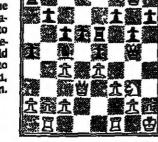
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By RAYMOND KEENE, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Delekta - Geller, Cappelle-la-Grande 1992. This appears to be a fairly harmless middlegame position and one would expect a long struggle to decide the result. Black's next. however, forced resignation. What was it?



c. Gripping, prehensile

a. An artificial language

a. Undergrowth, scrub

b. A Viking poem

c. A natural canna

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b. A bun

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Good book (5)

II Prime specimen (9)

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9 Age (3) 10 Drop off (3)

12 Further (5)

18 Vigour (3)

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Racehorse parade (7)

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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

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b. In a decimal system

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books, at least not the kind with words in them. The William Hill Sports Book Awards, now in their fourth year, are the exception to that This year, five ran at Sportspages bookshop off

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B cokmakers are not usually all that inter-

in making

Charing Cross Road and it was the odds-on favourite. Nick Hornby's Fever Pitch. the confessions of an Arsenal fan, that romped home a worthy winner and earned its author £3,500, also collecting the prize for best cover design. Not bad for one lunchtime's work. But when you stop to consider that over 24 dedicated seasons this man has probably been to Highbury approaching 1,000 times, that only works out at £3.50 a match. Or £2 an hour. Subtract gare money and he almost breaks

The result came as a blow to me, since I was convinced that serious works of art were doorned to be overlooked by the misguided judges. I was

Football fan's novel idea a winner Andy Martin, a runner-up last year, offers plaudits for the winning author as another

ing successes in the recent year history of the UK Scottish and Belgian Masters. champioreship.

sports book of the year award is decided

counting on being able to write, "he was robbed" - as I was last year when my own book about surfing, Walking on Water, was a shortlisted runner-up to what I thought was a routine hack job about

Muhammad Ali. Biased? You bet. But then so, perhaps, was John Gaustad, manager of Sportspages, when he announced at the prize ceremony that "this year the judges got it absolutely right and have chosen the book that stands head and shoulders above the rest of the field".

Nick Hornby recalls that he had spent years on the terraces convinced that he had a good book in him. "The only problem was I couldn't think what to write about - and all along the answer was staring me in the

His autobiographical ac-

count of an irrational lifelong love affair conducted every Saturday afternoon in front of thousands of speciators has brought him fan mail from many similarly afflicted people saying: "You have written my story."

It is impossible for a West Ham supporter such as myself to imagine a more unpromising subject than the life of an Arsenal fan (unless perhaps a life of Muhammad Ali), which is partly why Fever Pitch works as literature, whose value and interest are not predetermined by subject, rather than as jour-

As for the losers, there has been some question as to whether the lurid exposes contained in Lords of the Rings, by Vyv Simson and Andrew Jennings, subtitled "Power. Money and Drugs in the Modern Olympics" can possibly be true. If the subtitles had been "Idealism. Virtue and Altruism" I would have been more sceptical

Homby, whose prize-money includes a £500 bet, would do well to consult Jamie Reid's A Licence to Print Money: A Journey through the Gambling and Bookmaking World, which explains how it comes about that William Hill can afford to sponsor these awards. Had Reid won he might have seen some of his own money

Sea, Ice and Rock shows off the mountaineering sailing skills of its joint authors, Chris Bonington and Robin Knox-Johnston. Frank Keating's autobiography, Half-Time Whistle, shows that he read too much Dylan Thomas and Laurie Lee as a child and never quite

But sports writers must be getting something right. Against the economic run of play, Sportspages is opening a branch in Manchester. In the teeth of the recession, sports books are selling.



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